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**WEDNESDAY THE 26th OF MAY, 1841.**

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# LIST

Of all the ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church, canonically resident in the Diocese of Delaware, May 26th, 1841.

The Rev. George Allen, Professor in New Ark College.

The Rev. John P. Bausman, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Middletown, Newcastle County, and St, Peter's Church, Smyrna, Kent County.

The Rev. Samuel G. Callahan, Deacon, Minister of Christ Church, Laurel, and St. Luke's Church, Seaford, Sussex County.

The Rev. Corry Chambers, Rector of St. James' Church, Staunton, Newcastle County.

The Rev. John W. McCullough, Rector of Trinity Church, Wilmington.

The Rev. Stephen W. Presstman, Rector of Immanuel Church, Newcastle.

The Rev. John Reynolds, Rector of Christ Church, Milford, Kent County, and St. Mathew's Church, Cedar Creek, &c., Sussex County.

The Rev. John V. E. Thorne, residing in Carlisle, Penn.

The Rev. William H. Trapnell. Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington.

The Rev. Henry F. M. Whitesides, residing in Philadelphia.

In conformity with canon 1, Section 1.

H. U. ONDERDONK,
Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of Delaware.

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## LIST OF LAY DELEGATES.

Certificates of whose election by their respective churches, were presented and approved.

*Brandywine*, Grace Church—William Smith, Jeremiah Deleplain.

*Wilmington* St. Andrew's Church—Aquila Pritchard, Dr. J. F. Wilson.

*Wilmington*, Trinity Church—M. Bradford, William F. O'Daniel.*

*Staunton*, St. James' Church—David Justice,* John Foot.*

*Smyrna*, St. Peter's Church—Nehemiah Stockly, Dr. William Cummins.

*Milford*, Christ Church—Hon. C. S. Layton, John R. Draper.

*Georgetown*, St. Paul's Church—Edward Wootten, Mathew Rench.

*Lewes*, St. Peter's Church—Robert Burton, Samuel Paynter.

*Dagsborough*, Prince George's Church—Col. W. D. Waples, Benj. Burton.

*Indian River*, St. Georges Chapel—Joshua Burton, Esq., Wm. B. Burton.

*Cedar Creek*, St. Mathew's Church—Thomas Davis, Salathiel Baker.

*Laurel*, Christ Church—Josiah O. Neal, Joshua A. Elligood.

*Seaford*, St. Luke's Church—Charles Wright, Major. W. Allen.

*Absent.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ELECTED MAY, 1840.

Rev. S. W. Presstman,
Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D.
George B. Rodney,
William T. Read.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION, ELECTED MAY, 1841.

Rev. S. W. Presstman,
Rev. John Reynolds,
Rev. J. W. McCullough,
Rev. W. H. Trapnell,
Gen. Richard Mansfield,
Col. Samuel Paynter,
Wm. T. Read,
Edward Wootten.

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*St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, May* 26, 1841.

This being the day constitutionally appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Delaware, the Right Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, D. D., Provisional Bishop of the Diocese, with several Clerical and Lay Delegates, assembled in St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Bishop having taken the Chair,

The Rev. J. W. McCullough was appointed Secretary pro. tem. The Secretary called over a list of the Clergy entitled to seats in this Convention; when the following gentlemen answered to their names and took their seats.

*The Right Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, D. D.*
*Rev. Stephen W. Presstman,*
*Rev. Corry Chambers,*
*Rev. Samuel Callahan,*
*Rev. J. W. McCullough,*
*Rev. John P. Bausman.*

The following Lay Delegates also answered to their names and took their seats.

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| William Smith, | Edward Wootten |
| Jeremiah Delaplain, | Mathew Rench, |
| Aquila Pritchard, | Col. Samuel Paynter, |
| Dr. J. P. Wilson, | Wm. B. Burton, |
| Moses Bradford, | Thomas Davis, |
| Nehemiah Stockly, | Salathiel Baker, |
| Dr. W. Cummins. | |

The Rev. W. H. Trapnell, and the Rev. John Reynolds appeared and took their seats.

On motion, it was resolved, That the Convention now proceed to the election of a Secretary.

The Rev. John Reynolds nominated Dr. Wilson, and the Rev. Mr. Presstman nominated the Rev. J. W. McCullough. The Rev. J. P. Bausman and Mathew Rench were appointed to collect and count the ballots. When the votes were counted, the Chair declared Dr. Wilson to be duly elected Secretary.

On motion resolved, That the next Annual Convention be held in St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington.

The Right Rev. H. U. Onderdonk presented to the Convention a list of the Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese of Delaware, which is prefixed to this journal.

The Treasurer's account was laid on the table by the Bishop, and referred to Messrs. Paynter, Bradford, and Baker.

The following Lay-Delegates, not present at the opening of the Convention, appeared and took their seats.

Joshua Burton, J. O. Neal, J. A. Elligood, C. Wright. M. W. Allen, W. D. Waples, and Benjamin Burton.

The Right Rev. H. U. Onderdonk then delivered the following address.

# ADDRESS.

Brethren—The Clerical and the Lay Members of this Convention: As I had visited nearly all the Parishes in this Diocese during the year preceding the last session of this body, there has been occasion for but few episcopal duties in the year now finished. Of those few, I now, in conformity with the 7th canon of 1835, present a statement.

On the 15th of October, I consecrated the new place of worship erected for the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, in place of the one destroyed by fire in the January preceding. This edifice is substantial and beautiful, and reflects the highest credit on the zeal and liberality of those who have accomplished the good work, and particularly on the indefatigable exertions of the Rector, the Rev. W. H. Trapnell. To have the new building ready for consecration in less than nine months after the destruction of the former one, is a remarkable example of dispatch. On this interesting occasion, Bishop Wittingham, of Maryland, did me the favor to preach; and I administered the holy communion.

On the 1st of December, I gave the Rev. Richard S. Mason, D. D. Letters of Dismission to Bishop Ives.

On Sunday, January 10th, in St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia, I admitted the Rev. Erastus B. Foot, deacon, of this diocese, to the holy order of Priests; and also the Rev. W. W. Bronson, of the diocese of Pennsylvania.

On Sunday, January 24th, I preached in Trinity Church, Wilmington, in the morning, and confirmed 16 persons; and preached there again in the evening. This edifice has been greatly enlarged, and very much improved and beautified; an undertaking highly honorable to the congregation and their efficient Rector, the Rev. J. W. McCullough.

In the afternoon of the same day, I preached in St. Andrew's Church, and confirmed 7 persons.

On the 7th of April, I gave the Rev. Erastus B. Foot, Letters of Dismission to Bishop De Lancey.

On Sunday, April 18th, I preached in Immanual Church, Newcastle, in the morning, and confirmed 15 persons. In the afternoon I preached in St. James' Church, Staunton, and baptised the infant son of Mr. Blandy, of Newark,

On Sunday, April 25th, I preached in Grace Church, Brandywine Hundred, and confirmed one person.

Yesterday, May 25th, I admitted as a candidate for holy orders, Mr. John Long, duly recommended by the standing committee; and last evening I preached in this church.

The Rev. Mr. Whitesides has resigned his parishes, and the Rev. Mr. Reynolds officiates in them.

I again record my gratitude for the kind and hospitable attentions I have received throughout my visitations from very excellent friends.

With this brief statement, I leave you to the discharge of your duties, as one of the councils of the Church of the Redeemer. And I pray God, that His blessing may rest upon you, both now and through your whole lives.

H. U. ONDERDONK.

Georgetown, Sussex County, May 26th, 1841.

Candidate For Holy Orders—John Long, since May 25th, 1841.

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The following Parochial Reports were now read.

*Report of Grace Church, Brandywine Hundred*

This Church is still destitute of a regular officiating clergyman, and has been so for the greater portion of the past year.

A plan is now in contemplation of forming a new congregation at the Messrs du Pont's Mills, and unite the two, which plan we trust may succeed.

The condition of this congregation is much the same as it was a year ago.

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| Communicants, about | 15 |
| Baptisms, infants | 2 |
| Burials | 1 |

The Sunday School has just been re-organized, the number of scholars

May the Lord send this people a man after his own heart.

*Report of Christ Church, Laurel*

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| Communicants | | |
| Baptisms | | |
| Adults | | 3 |
| Children | | 31 |
| | Total | 34 |
| Marriages | | 9 |
| Funerals | | 7 |

SAM'L. G. CALLAHAN.

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*Report of St. James' Church, Staunton.*

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| Communicants, about | 14 |
| Marriage | 1 |
| Baptism | 1 |
| Burials | 3 |

CORRY CHAMBERS, Rector.
Residing in Wilmington.

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*Report of Trinity Church, Wilmington,*

The Rector of Trinity Church Reports as follows, viz :—

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| Baptisms, (infants) | | 20 |
| " (adults) | | 4 |
| | Total, | 24 |
| Confirmations | | 17 |
| Marriages | | 8 |
| Communicants added | | 17 |
| Communicants died | | 3 |
| Total of communicants | | 113 |

Trinity Church has been much enlarged and improved during the past year, and the congregation continues to prosper.

J. W. McCULLOUGH, Rector.

May 25th, 1841.

*Report of Immanual Church, Newcastle.*

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| Present number of communicants | 37 |
| Added during the last year | 5 |
| Baptised (adults) | 4 |
| " (infants) | 6 |
| Marriage | 1 |
| Burials | 1 |
| Confirmed | 15 |
| Sunday School Teachers | 12 |
| Scholars | 72 |

S. W. PRESSTMAN, Rector.

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*Report of Christ Church, Milford—St. Mathew's Church, Cedar Creek—St. Peter's Church, Lewes, and St. George's Chapel.*

The state of these congregations corresponds with the Report to the last Convention. The attendance on Divine service is increasing in numbers and devotion.

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| Baptisms | 6 |
| Funerals | 5 |
| Marriages | 2 |

J. REYNOLDS, Rector.

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*Report of St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington.*

The Rector of St. Andrew's Church feels happy in reporting to the Convention the completion of our church edifice, in accordance with the plan and dimensions mentioned in the last Annual Report. On the 15th of October, 1840, it was consecrated to the worship of Almighty God, by the Right Reverend Bishop H. U. Onderdonk, assisted by the Right Reverend Bishop Whittingham, who delivered an impressive and appropriate discourse on the occasion, since which time Divine service has been regularly performed therein; and although but little fruit as yet appears, we humbly trust our labors have not been wholly in vain; and that the Lord of the harvest will, in his own good time, grant us the outpourings of his spirit, and cause the seed sown, to spring up and bring forth abundant fruit to the honor of his great and glorious name.

Baptisms—Adults 2—Infants 4.—Total 6

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| Marriages | 2 |
| Funerals of communicants 5—Total | 8 |
| Removals do. do. | 3 |
| Added do. do. | 7 |
| Present number | 85 |
| Confirmed | 7 |
| Sunday School Teachers | 25 |
| Scholars—male, female, and infant | 304 |
| Number of volumes in the Libraries of the Church | 576 |
| Amount raised by Sunday School Missionary Societies | $31 66 |

"Hitherto the Lord hath helped us."

WM. H. TRAPNELL, Rector.

May 24th, 1841.

No Reports were received from the following Churches, viz:

St. Ann's Church, Middletown, St. Peter's, Smyrna; St. Paul's Church, Georgetown; St. Luke's Church, Seaford; and Prince Georgs's Church, Dagsborough.

On motion *Resolved*, That Clergymen or Students of Divinity, in the Protestant Episcopal Church, who may be in this place, and are not members of this body, be invited to take seats as honorary members of the same.

Rev. Mr. Reynolds offered the following resolution,

*Resolved*, That the 1st section of the 9th Canon, relating to the election of Deputies to the General Convention, be altered from concurrent to joint ballot. The vote was taken by orders and the resolution lost as follows:

| AYES. | NOES. |
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| Rev. John P. Bausman, | Rt. Rev. H. U. Onderdonk |
| " Corry Chambers, | " Samuel G. Callahan, |
| " John Reynolds, | " John W. McCullough, |
| " William H. Trapnell, | " Stephen W. Presstman, |
| Mr. Aquilla Pritchard, | Mr. Moses Bradford, |
| " James F. Wilson, | " Edward Wootten, |
| " William B. Burton, | " Mathew Rench, |
| " William Smith, | " Joshua Burton, |
| " Jeremiah S. Deleplain, | " Samuel Paynter, |
| " Nehemiah Stockly, | " Josiah O. Neal, |
| " William Cummins, | " Joshua A. Elligood, |

" Thomas Davis,
" Salathiel Baker,—13
" Charles Wright,
" Major W. Allen,
" William D. Waples,
" Benjamin Burton—15

The Hon. C. S. Layton, and John R. Draper, appeared and took their seats.

On motion The Rev. Mr. McCullough was appointed to receive the annual dues from the several Parishes.

The committee to whom was referred the Treasurer's account reported it correct, which Report was accepted.

**Dr.** EVAN H. THOMAS, Treasurer of the Convention of the Diocese of Delaware.

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| 1840 | | | |
| May 25 | To balance due Convention this date, | $ 10 | 36 |
| | To cash received, the following sums, | | |
| " 27 | From St. Ann's Church, Middletown, | 4 | |
| " | St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, | 4 | |
| " | St. Luke's Church, Seaford, | 4 | |
| " | Christ Church, Laurel | 4 | |
| " | St. Peter's Church, Lewes, | 4 | |
| " | St. Mathew's Church, Cedar Creek, | 4 | |
| " | Prince George's, Dagsborough, | 4 | |
| " | St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington 2 y'rs. | 8 | |
| " | Grace Church, Brandywine, | 4 | |
| " | Immanuel Church, Newcastle | 4 | |
| " | Christ Church, Milford, | 4 | |
| " | St. George's Chapel, | 4 | |
| June 1 | Trinity Church, Wilmington, | 4 | |
| " 13 | St. James' Church, Staunton, | 4 | |
| | | $ 70 | 36 |
| 1841 | | | |
| May 25, | To Balance, | $ 16 | 86 |

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| 1840 May, 27 | By cash paid Rt. Rev. Bishop H. U. Onderdonk, the sum of $34, to defray travelling expenses, and $2 for printing done for Convention. | No. 1 | $36 00 |
| July 17 | Cash paid R. & J. B. Porter, balance due to them for printing Journal, &c., for the year 1838, per receipt. | 2 | 17 50 |
| 1841 May 25 | Balance due from Evan H. Thomas, Treasurer, the sum of | | 16 86 |
| | | | $ 70 86 |

Errors excepted,

Wilmington, May 25, 1841.

EVAN H. THOMAS, Treasurer.

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*Appendix to Treasurer's Account.*

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| To balance due to Treasurer, as reported to Convention, | | $16 86 |
| Received at Convention by Rev. J. W. McCullough, Treasurer pro. tem., and since paid to E. H. Thomas, Treasurer, viz: | | |
| From St. Peter's Church, Lewes, | $5 | |
| " St Andrew's Church, Wilmington, | 5 | |
| " St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, | 5 | |
| " Prince George's, Dagsborough, | 5 | |
| " Grace Church, Brandywine | 5 | |
| " St. George's Chapel, Sussex, | 5 | |
| " St. James' Church, Staunton, | 5 | |
| " St. Peter's Church, Smyrna, 3 years, | 13 | |
| " Christ Church, Laurel, | 5 | |
| " St. Ann's Church, Middletown, | 5 | |
| " Christ Church, Milford | 5 | |
| " St. Mathew's Church, Cedar Creek, | 5 | |
| " St. Luke's Church, Seaford, | 5 | |
| " Trinity Church, Wilmington, | 5 | $78 00 |
| | | $94 86 |

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| Paid travelling expenses of the Bishop | $25 | |
| Paid Sexton of St. Paul's Church, for attendance on Convention. | 2 | |
| Paid Porter & Naff, for printing Journal of Convention for the years 1839, and 1840, Circluars, &c. | 44 | $71 00 |
| Balance due from Treasurer, | | $23 86 |

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention now adjourn, to meet immediately after Divine service.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. J. P. Bausman; Convention Sermon by the Rev. J. W. McCullough. The Holy Communion was administered by the Rt. Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, assisted by the Rev. J. P. Bausman.

After the Benediction, the Convention asse mbled pursuant to adjournment; and on motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the Bishop's expenses be paid by the Treasurer.

It appearing that the Convention was about equally divided in their opinions, the Hon. C. S. Layton moved that a committee, consisting of eight, four from each party, be appointed to confer together, and to present to the Convention, a suitable ticket as delegates to the General Convention. This motion was seconded, but some objection being urged, the convention adjourned for one hour.

*Afternoon Session.*

At 2 o'clock, P. M., the convention again assembled, when several members stated that the difficulties in reference to the election had been obviated, by a *compromise*, and a ticket was brought forward without the knowledge or consent of many members; this ticket was carried, though many refused to vote on the question.

The Rev. Mr. McCullough, and the Rev. Mr. Bausman were appointed Tellers of the clerical order; Hon. C. S. Layton, and Mr. Wootten, of the laity.

The votes were counted, and the following gentlemen were declared duly elected Delegates to the General Convention.

Rev. Stephen W. Presstman
Rev. John Reynolds,
Rev. John W. McCullough,
Rev. William H. Trapnell.
} Of the Clergy.

Gen. Richard Mansfield,
Col. Samuel Paynter,
William T. Reed,
Edward Wootten.
} Of the Laity.

On motion, the Chair appointed the Rev. Mr. Presstman, and the Rev. Mr. McCullough, the committee called for by the 8th canon, to aid the Bishop in drafting a Report of the state of the Diocese, to the General Convention.

On motion, the Rev. Corry Chambers, and Dr. J. F. Wilson, were appointed to superintend the printing of three hundred copies of the Journal of this Convention.

At the suggestion of a Delegate from New Castle County, it was *Resolved*, That the Convention now proceed to the election of a Bishop for this Diocese, when the Rev. Alfred Lee, Rector of Calvary Church, Rockdale, Pa., was nominated. The nomination received the cordial support of several members; the Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, expressing his hearty previous concurrence in the proposition.

Previous to the election, Bishop Onderdonk, read several prayers suitable to the occasion.

The vote was taken by orders, the Rev. Mr. Presstman, and the Rev. Mr. Bausman, being tellers for the Clergy; and Col. Waples, and Col. Paynter, for the Laity.

The Rev. Alfred Lee, received the unanimous vote, both of the Clerical and Lay-Delegates; and the Chair declared the Rev. Alfred Lee to be duly elected Bishop of the Diocese of Delaware. The following Testimonial was immediately drawn up, and signed by the members of the Convention.

We, whose names are underwritten, fully sensible how important it is that the sacred office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion, without partiality or affection, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify, that the Rev. Alfred Lee, Rector of Calvary Church, Rockdale, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, is not, so far as we are informed, justly liable to evil report, either for error in religion, or for viciousness in life; and that we do not know or believe there is any impediment on account of which he ought not to be consecrated to that holy office.—We do, moreover, jointly and severally declare, that we do, in our con-

science believe him to be of such sufficiency in good learning, such soundness in the faith, and of such virtuous and pure manners, and Godly conversation, that he is apt and meet to exercise the office of a Bishop, to the honor of God, and the edifying of his Church, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of Christ.

Witness our hands, this 26th day of May, (at Gerogetown, Delaware,) in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-one.

H. U. Onderdonk, President of the Convention,

S. W. Presstman, Rector of Immanuel Church, New Castle.

John P. Bausman, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Middletown, and St. Peter's, Smyrna.

John W. McCullough, Rector of Trinity Church, Wilmington,

Corry Chambers, Rector of St. James' Church, Staunton,

William H. Trapnell, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington,

John Reynolds, Rector of Christ Church, Milford,

Samuel G. Callahan, Minister of Christ Church, Laurel.

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| Wm. Smith.<br>Jeremiah S. Deleplain, | Grace Church, Brandywine, |
| Aquila Pritchard,<br>James F. Wilson, | St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, |
| Nehemiah Stockly,<br>William Cummins, | St. Peter's Church, Smyrna, |
| M. Bradford, | Trinity Church, Wilmington, |
| Joshua Burton,<br>William B. Burton, | St. George's Chapel, Indian River, |
| Charles Wright,<br>Major W. Allen, | St. Luke's Church, Seaford, |
| C. S, Layton<br>John R. Draper, | Christ Church, Milford, |
| Wm. D. Waples,<br>Benjamin Burton, | Prince George's Church, Dagsborough, |
| Thomas Davis,<br>Salathiel Baker, | St. Mathew's Church, Cedar Creek, |
| Samuel Paynter,<br>Robert Burton, | St. Peter's Church, Lewestown, |
| Joshua A. Elligood,<br>Josiah O. Neal, | Christ Church, Laurel, |
| M. Reach,<br>Edward Wootten, | St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, |

On motion, *Resolved*, that a committee of four be appointed to confer with the Bishop elect, and request his acceptance. The Chair appointed the Rev. S. W. Presstman, and Rev. J. W. McCullough, of the Clergy; and Dr. J. W. Thomson, and Moses Bradford, of the Laity.

The committee appointed at the last Convention to "consider, and report what alterations are necessary to be made in article 10 of the Constitution," presented the following report:—

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the alterations necessary to be made in Article 10, of the Constitution of the Church in this Diocese, *unanimously* recommend the adoption of the amendment thereto, to be found on page 11 of the printed Journal of the Convention, of 1839, except the last sentence of said amendment, which is in these words, viz:

"When a presentment is before the Standing Committee, the accused "only, shall be heard."

The said Committee also recommend the following additional amendment to Article 10, aforesaid, unanimously.

## ARTICLE XVI.

*A further Supplement to Article* 10.

Should the crime, offence, or misdemeanor, of which any Minister shall be accused by public rumor, be found supported, in whole, or in part, upon the inquiry directed in and by Section 2, of Canon 37, of the Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, it shall be the duty of the Bishop of this Diocese, if he shall deem such finding not insufficient, to transmit the same as a presentment, together with the charges, testimony, and all other documents pertaining thereto, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese, and upon the receipt of the same, proceedings shall be had for the trial and sentence of such minister, as is provided in Article X, of the Constitution of the Church, in this Diocese, in the case of a presentment not dismissed for insufficiency.

The Committee unanimously recommend the proposed amendment to Canon XI, (which was referred to them,) as a substitute for this Canon.

## CANON XI.

*Inquiries, Trials and Penalties.*

Section 1. In all presentments for crimes, misdemeanors or offences, the party prosecuting is the church.

And in all inquiries under and by virtue of the 2d Section of the 37 Canon of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States the party moving is the Church, and the Bishop of this Diocese shall appoint a person or persons to represent and appear for the Church, and conduct the same on the part and behalf of the Church, to procure testimony, and to do all things needful to the discharge of this trust, and all necessary and reasonable expenses thereby incurred shall be provided for by the Convention. All trials, whether of clergymen or laymen, and inquiries aforesaid, shall be in public, if the party accused so require, unless the judicatory, or committee charged with such inquiry, are of opinion that such publicity will occasion unholy scoffing, and be contrary to edification. When a public trial or inquiry is refused the accused may have present any six male communicants of the Church, and the party prosecuting or moving may have present the same number of other such communicants.

Section 2, Witnesses at any trial, or on any inquiry aforesaid may, if demanded by either party, be put on oath or affirmation. Written evidence may be admitted on either side, the other party having had sufficient notice of taking the same, and been allowed to attend when it was taken, and cross examine: and the persons examined for the written evidence may be also sworn or affirmed.

Section 3. Counsel shall be allowed the accused, in which case the party prosecuting or moving shall be allowed the same privilege. And every judicatory may have counsel as they shall desire.

Section 4. Penalties in case of a Bishop or other Clergyman convicted of any offence may be admonition, suspension from the ministry, for a longer or a shorter term, or degradation from the ministry.

On motion, the amendment to Article X, recommended by the committee, was taken up for consideration, and after some discussion was adopted. Sixteen voting in the affirmative, and eleven in the negative.

Article XVI. A further supplement to Article X was again read and adopted.

The Canon recommended by the committee as a substitute for Canon XI, was read by sections and passed.

On motion, Resloved, That the Covention go into an election for a Standing Committee; which was objected to *by some*, as being a part of

# Pastoral Letter

TO THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THE DIOCESE OF DELAWARE,

## IN BEHALF OF MISSIONS.

HE WHICH SOWETH SPARINGLY, SHALL REAP ALSO SPARINGLY; AND HE WHICH SOWETH BOUNTIFULLY, SHALL REAP ALSO BOUNTIFULLY. EVERY MAN ACCORDING AS HE PURPOSETH IN HIS HEART, SO LET HIM GIVE; NOT GRUDINGLY, OR OF NECESSITY: FOR GOD LOVETH A CHEERFUL GIVER.—

II COR. IX: 6, 7.

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# A PASTORAL LETTER

## To the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Delaware,

## IN BEHALF OF THE MISSIONS OF THE CHURCH.

Dearly Beloved in Christ:

If any apology were needful for my addressing you at this time upon the subject of Missions, it may be found in the action of your late Convention, (1) and in the proceedings of the last Annual meeting of the Board of Missions;(2) by both of which bodies I am requested to urge upon you, as a portion of the flock of Christ, the wants and claims of the Missionary cause in our Zion.

But I cannot for a moment admit that any apology is needed from

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(1) *Journal of Convention of* 1842, *p.* 27.

1. *Resolved*, That the Bishop be requested to address a pastoral letter to the Church in this Diocese, setting forth and urging the claims of Missions.

2. That it be recommended to Ministers having a Pastoral charge, to bring the whole subject of Missions, and especially the wants of our own Diocese, before the people, giving them all the information necessary and urging them by the high motives of the gospel to adopt such measures in each parish as may be deemed most efficient for promoting the interests of the Church.

3. That subscriptions, to be paid monthly, be requested from the members of our congregations, to our Diocesan Missions.

(2) *Spirit of Missions for July*, 1842.—*Proceedings of the Board.*

*Resolved*, That in the success which hath been vouchsafed to the labours of the Domestic Department of our Missions during the year past, the Board recognize with devout gratitude, the evident blessing of God, and relying upon the continuance of the divine favour, and confident that the church will sustain a work so abundantly rewarded, recommend to the Domestic Committee the vigorous prosecution and judicious extension of their efforts.

*Resolved*, That the Rt. Rev. Bishops of the several Dioceses, be respectfully requested by the Board of Missions, and they are hereby so requested, to bring this subject before the parishes of their respective Dioceses, and to urge the obligation upon them all, large and small, strong and weak, to promote the Missionary work.

*Resolved*, That this Board deeply impressed with the importance of an increased remuneration for the services of Domestic Missionaries, earnestly call upon their fellow members of the Church to supply the means for such increased remuneration, and that the Bishops be respectfully requested to bring the subject of this resolution before their Dioceses, in such way as they may think best.

a Bishop of the Church of Christ, for presenting with earnestness the sacred cause of the gospel of his Saviour, to the hearts of those committed by God to his oversight. It would be just as reasonable to proffer an excuse for preaching to his congregations the duties of repentance and faith, or enforcing upon them the exhibition of the Christian character in the daily life, as for urging them heartily to engage according to their ability in the efforts which their Church is making to extend the gospel of her Lord and Saviour. No Christian duty is to my mind more plainly taught in the holy word, none more decidedly results from the relation into which we are brought as God's covenant people.

It might seem however to some, that the present time of unexampled pecuniary distress and embarrassment is very unpropitious for the presentation of this subject. True it is that the means of many who have the cause in their hearts and would gladly aid it, have been seriously curtailed. But brethren, must the work be therefore allowed to languish and fail? Is not the reduction of the means of some who have been constant and liberal supporters of the cause, a loud call to others who may have suffered less from depressing circumstances, to endeavour to make up the deficiency? And if the revulsion in our monetary affairs shall have taught us to feel the truth of the Scriptural declarations of the uncertainty of earthly treasures, and lead us to value and strive for the imperishable riches of the kingdom of heaven, will it not rather prove favorable to the object of this appeal?—While human prudence hath been baffled in its calculations, and the best laid schemes for the increase and security of property have utterly failed, that portion of our substance which faith and love have laid upon the altar of Christ as a free-will offering, has been securely invested, placed beyond all possibility of hazard, and shall prove, if we are truly God's children, hereafter to yield the fullest and most precious increase. Oh, brethren, had but a larger share of that substance which the fraud and folly of man have wasted, or the reverses of business scattered to the winds, been devoted to the good work of extending the Church and publishing the gospel of Christ, how much better had it been for the owners thereof. Although therefore, there may be many of our well wishers, unable from change of circumstance to practise those liberal things which their hearts would devise, yet if the lesson which Providence hath evidently taught us of the instability and uncertainty of earthly things, and its stern rebuke of the spir-

it of selfish accumulation and lavish expenditure which has prevailed among us, be rightly apprehended and received, the present season will not prove so unfavorable, as we might at first be inclined to suppose.

1. In the first place I invite your attention to the appeal of the whole Church made to us through her constituted organ, the Board of Missions. The Church is now fairly embarked in the great and glorious work of disseminating the gospel. To this she is peculiarly called and bound. The voice of her great Head is imperative: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Her primitive constitution, her unquestionable commission, her preservation of the faith once delivered to the saints, and of the ministry which was to proclaim that faith even unto the end of the world, bind the duty more solemnly and unavoidably upon her than any other body calling itself Christian. This work has been prosecuted during the past year under many discouragements, but with an increased measure of success.—The smile of our Master above hath evidently rested upon her endeavours. In the Domestic department, the field of whose labours is within the territory of the United States, not less than 700 have been added to her communion during the year past. Many a moral wilderness hath rejoiced and blossomed as the rose under the laborious and self-denying efforts of her missionaries.

The blessing of the Lord upon these labours, hath exceeded our utmost expectations. Yet this department is now compelled very earnestly to call for aid. The receipts of the last year did not equal the expenditures by the sum of nearly $5000. The quarterly stipend due the Missionaries on the 1st July could only be paid in part, and to some of them this is *all their living*. Wearing themselves out in the cause of the Church of Christ, they have been disappointed in some cases in the reception of that slender pittance which the church pledged to their support when she sent them forth. And to what, brethren, must we attribute this mortifying deficiency in the income of the department? Simply to the want of a general engagedness among our people. While a few of our parishes, more particularly in the large cities, have come up nobly to the help of the Lord, the great proportion have altogether neglected and forgotten the claims of this cause.—From 810 Churches, being more than two thirds of the whole number, nothing was received during the past year; and although it be admitted that many of these are feeble, yet it is evident that a very moderate

operations, or set before you the movements of the church upon the soil of heathenism, and in behalf of ancient and decayed branches of the church of Christ in the East, is owing to no lack of interest in this holy enterprise. Should the Providence of God spare me to watch over your spiritual interests, other opportunities will occur of spreading before you the wide field of our missionary efforts, and of urging the many cogent motives which should impel us to claim our share in the good work of enlightening the "dark places of the earth." To any who feel desirous to acquaint themselves with the progress of these efforts of the church, I would recommend the taking and attentive perusal of "The Spirit of Missions," a monthly periodical published by the Board at a low rate, embracing full information respecting their doings.

I have sought, brethren, plainly and briefly to present this object, not merely to your sympathies, but to your apprehensions of manifest Christian duty. May it find a response in your hearts. May your prayers rise fervently to the Great Head of the church, that His wisdom may guide all who are entrusted with the management of this cause; that His grace may sustain, and His blessing crown abundantly the labors of those beloved brethren who have given themselves to the work, and who in the waste places of our own land or in foreign climes, are laboring that God's kingdom may come. May you truly feel the connexion between a hope of salvation in Christ, and an interest in the advancement of the kingdom of Christ. May you thank the Lord that there is occasion given thus "to shew the sincerity of your love" to Himself, to His church, and to the souls which He has redeemed. May God put into your hearts a longing desire that "his name may be hallowed, His kingdom come and His will be done on earth as in heaven." Then shall we have no fear of your coming short in this bounden duty. And may the consolations and hopes of the gospel here, and its heavenly treasures hereafter be your heritage and portion, through the work and mediation of "Him who loved us and gave himself for us."

Affectionately your Brother in Christ,

ALFRED LEE,

Bishop of Delaware.

*Wilmington, Aug.* 20. 1841.

# JOURNAL

OF THE

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OF THE

DIOCESE OF DELAWARE,

HELD IN ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, WILMINGTON,

WEDNESDAY 25th AND THURSDAY, 26th, of MAY, 1842.

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# LIST

Of all the ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church, canonically resident in the Diocese of Delaware, May 25th 1842.

The Rt. Rev. ALFRED LEE, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese.

The Rev. GEORGE ALLEN, Professor in New Ark College.

The Rev. CORRY CHAMBERS, Rector of St. James' Church, Staunton.

The Rev. WALTER E. FRANKLIN, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Georgetown and Prince George's Church, Dagsboro'.

The Rev. JOHN W. M'CULLOUGH, Rector of Trinity Church, Wilmington.

The Rev. STEPHEN W. PRESSTMAN, Rector of Immanuel Church, New Castle.

The Rev. JOHN REYNOLDS, Rector of Christ Church, Milford, St. Matthew's, Cedar Creek, St. Peter's, Lewes, and St. George's Chapel, Indian River.

The Rev. JOHN V. E. THORNE, residing at Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

The Rev. WILLIAM H. TRAPNELL, residing at Wilmington.

The Rev. JAMES H. TYNG, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Middletown, and St. Peter's Church, Smyrna.

In conformity with Cannon 1. Section 1.

ALFRED LEE,
Bishop of the Diocese of Delaware.

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## LIST OF LAY DELEGATES.

Certificates of whose election by their respective churches, were presented and approved.

*Brandywine*, Grace Church—Valentine Forward,* William Smith,

*Wilmington*, St. Andrew's Church—James W. Thomson, M. D., James F. Wilson, M. D.

*Wilmington*, Trinity Church—Wm. F. O'Daniel, M. Bradford.

*Newcastle*, Immanuel Church—William T. Read, Nathaniel Wolfe.

*Staunton*, St. James' Church—John Foote, Jacob Whiteman.

*Middletown*, St. Ann's Church—Gen. R. Mansfield, Joshua Clayton.

*Smyrna*, St. Peter's Church—Nehemiah Stockly, William Cummins, M. D.

*Milford*, Christ Church—Hon. Caleb S. Layton, Henry Hudson.*

*Lewes*, St. Peter's Church—Col. Samuel Paynter, John Rodney, jr.

*Georgetown*, St. Paul's Church—Edward Wootten,* Joshua S. Layton.

*Indian River*, St. George's Chapel—Charles G. Ridgely, John Ponder,*

*Cedar Creek*, St. Matthew's Church—John R. Draper, George R. Fisher.*

*Absent.

The following churches were not represented, viz:—Christ Church, Dover; St. Luke's Church, Seaford; Christ Church, Laurel; and Prince George's Church, Dagsboro'.

# JOURNAL

OF THE

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

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St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, May, 25, 1848.

This being the day constitutionally appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Delaware, the Right Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, with a number of Clerical and Lay Delegates, assembled for divine worship in St. Andrew's Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. John Reynolds, assisted by the Rev. James H. Tyng, who read the lessons. The Convention Sermon was preached by the Rt. Rev. A. Lee. The Rev. Messrs Presstman, Reynolds and Tyng, assisted the Bishop, in the administration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The congregation was then dismissed and the Convention called to order by the Bishop.

The Secretary then proceeded to call over the names of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention; when the following gentlemen answered to their names and took their seats, viz;

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| Right Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D., | Rev. John W. M'Cullough, |
| " George Allen, | " Stephen W. Presstman, |
| " Corry Chambers, | " John Reynolds, |
| " Walter E. Franklin, | " James H. Tyng, |

The Rev. S. W. Presstman, and Gen. R. Mansfield, were appointed to receive and examine the certificates of the Lay Delegates. The Secretary called over the list of Lay Delegates, reported by the committee, when the following gentlemen answered to their names and took seats in the Convention, viz:

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| William Smith, | Gen. R. Mansfield, |
| James W. Thomson, M. D., | Joshua Clayton, |

James F. Wilson, M. D.,
Wm. F. O'Daniel,
M. Bradford,
Wm. T. Read,
Nathaniel Wolfe,
John Foote,
Jacob Whiteman.
Nehemiah Stockly,
Wm. Cummins, M. D.,
Hon. C. S. Layton,
Col. S, Paynter,
John Rodney,
John R. Draper,

The committee reported the certificate from St. James' Church, Staunton, to be informal, but moved that the delegates be admitted, which motion was adopted.

The Convention now being fully organized, proceeded to the election of a Secretary. The Rev. S. W. Presstman, and Dr. J. W. Thomson, were appointed tellers; when the votes were counted, the Chair declared Dr. J. F. Wilson, to be duly elected Secretary.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Reynolds, it was

*Resolved*, That Clergymen or Candidates for Holy Orders, in the Protestant Episcopal Church, not entitled to vote in this Convention, who may be present, be invited to attend the sittings of the Convention.

Under the foregoing resolution, the following gentlemen took seats in the Convention, viz: Rev. W. H. Trapnell, of the Diocese of Delaware; Rev. Z. H. Mansfield, of the Diocese of Connecticut; Rev. Wm. W. Spear, Rev. G. W. Ridgely, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania; and Messrs John Long, Jacob B. Smith and Thomas D. Ozanne, candidates for Holy Orders.

The Rev. J. W. M'Cullough moved that the Journal of the last General Convention, be submitted to a committee of two, who should examine whether there be therein any thing, requiring the attention of this Convention. The Chair appointed the Rev. Mr. M'Cullough and Col. S. Paynter.

The Hon. C. S. Layton moved that a committee of four, two from each order, be appointed to prepare Rules of Order, for the government of this Convention; the committee to report this afternoon. The Chair appointed the Rev. Mr. Presstman, and the Rev. Mr. Tyng, of the Clergy; Hon. C. S. Layton, and Nehemiah Stockly, of the Laity.

On motion the Convention adjourned to 3 o'clock, this afternoon.

St. Andrew's Church, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The Secretary called the roll.

The Treasurer's account was laid on the table by the Bishop.

Gen. Mansfield moved the appointment of a committee of two to settle with the Treasurer, Moses Bradford and John Rodney were appointed.

The committee appointed this morning to prepare Rules of Order, reported the following, which were read and adopted unanimously.

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## RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with prayer.

2. When the President takes the chair no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the president, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.

7. If a question in debate contains more parts than one, any member may have the same divided into as many questions as there are parts.

8. While the president is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.

9. Every member who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

10. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded; and reduced to writing, when required.

11. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before anything new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.

12. The question on a motion for adjournment, shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

13. When the house is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the president leave the chair.

14. The Journals of the Conventions shall be published by the Secretary, under the supervision of the Bishop, and a copy sent to each member of the Convention.

15. The charge or sermon when delivered by the Bishop before the Convention, shall be published by the Secretary, under the supervision of the Bishop; and one copy sent to each Clergyman, and ten copies to each Vestry in the Diocese.

16. The foregoing rules of order shall be deemed and considered the rules of order of all future conventions, until altered or rescinded; and the same shall be published in the journal of each convention.

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Gen. Mansfield moved to take up the consideration of the amendment to the constitution, proposed at the last Convention. Whereupon the amendment entitled "Article xv, a supplement to Article x," was read by the Secretary.* Gen. Mansfield then moved to adopt and make it part of the constitution. The question of adoption was discussed, and on motion of Dr. J. W. Thomson, the whole matter was indefinitely postponed.

Dr. J. W. Thomson, then offered the following resolution, which was adopted,

*Resolved*, That a committee of five, of which the Bishop shall be chairman, be and are hereby appointed to revise and amend the constitution of the Episcopal Church of Delaware, and that they are hereby required to report the same to the next Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Tyng, the business of the Convention was suspended, to allow the Bishop an opportunity of delivering his address.

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*This article may be found on page 11, of the printed journal of the Convention of 1839, and as amended, on page 17 of the Journal of 1841.

THE BISHOP THEN DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING

# ADDRESS

To the Clerical and Lay Members of the 52nd. Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Delaware.

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY: The occasion of our present meeting is one of more than ordinary interest. For myself, it would augur great insensibility, when called upon to deliver my first address to the Convention of the Diocese over which the Holy Ghost hath made me overseer, not to be deeply affected with the solemnity and the responsibility of my new duties. And I cannot err in supposing that the complete organization of a diocese which from its formation, more than half a century since, has been without a Diocesan of its own, will awaken emotion in your breasts; and that you come to participate in our present councils with augmented interest.

Before proceeding to the consideration of the usual subjects of an Episcopal address, some preliminary remarks seem appropriate. The want of the superintendance and services of a Bishop of your own has been supplied, as far as circumstances permitted, by the kind and gratuitous services of the Bishops of Pennsylvania and Maryland, particularly of the former. On the part of the Rt. Rev. H. U. Onderdonk especially, has the aid needed by this portion of the church, been most cheerfully and faithfully rendered. By his unwearied industry, he has been enabled, by his kindness and solicitude for the welfare of the church, disposed, to add to the weighty charge of his own extensive diocese, the performance of Episcopal offices in this state. I am confident that you will all unite with me in expressing our sense of the value of his gratuitous and willing labours, and the indebtedness of the Diocese to his long continued care and oversight. The action of your last Convention held at Georgetown, May, 1841, placed him who now addresses you in a most trying and difficult situation. A call wholly unexpected, from a portion of the church to which he was personally a stranger, broke in upon the quiet tenour of parochial engagements, and imposed upon him the necessity of deciding one of the most serious and important questions which can be presented to the mind of a minister of Christ. Before venturing to determine it, it seemed incumbent upon me to visit my brethren, who had honored me with such a mark of their confidence, and acquaint myself as fully as possible with the condition and circumstances

acquaint myself as fully as possible with the condition and circumstances of the church over which I was invited to preside. I accordingly made a tour of the lower part of the Diocese in June last, and visited the upper part in July, being everywhere received with those kind and hospitable attentions which have been ever since extended to me throughout the state. That I found most of the churches in an exceedingly depressed and feeble condition, I need not inform you. You are too familiar with the desolations of Zion to require a description of them. I surely saw much to discourage in the field of labour proposed to me. But the result of my observations was to impress very deeply on my mind, the wisdom and necessity of the step which the Convention had taken in the election of a Bishop; altho' I could not but regret that their choice had not fallen upon some one more experienced and better qualified. In no other course did there appear to human eye any prospect for the church in the two lower counties, but gradual decay and not very distant extinction.—It became my duty therefore to decide between personal inclination, the comparative comfort and more congenial retirement of the pastoral charge, and much conscious deficiency on the one hand, and the high claims of duty to the church of Christ, on the other. This question I endeavoured to meet in the fear of God, and in view of the great account hereafter to be rendered. Had there been a single dissenting voice in my election, I should have felt myself at liberty, although grateful for the preference manifested, to have declined the unexpected invitation. But the unanimity of the call given to me, invested it with ten-fold weight. I shrank from the responsibility of declining a charge which the hand of Providence appeared to lay upon me. In view therefore of its evident burdens and cares, and with its duties, difficulties and discouragements plainly seen, and convinced more deeply than any other can be, of my insufficiency, I have felt constrained to answer, "here am I, send me." How much consideration, forbearance and charitable construction of my official acts will be called for, you can yourselves readily judge.

My consecration to the sacred office of the Episcopate, took place at the meeting of the last General Convention of the Church in the city of New York, to which body it belonged, by Canon 3rd, to give the sanction of the Church to your election. I was set apart to the work whereunto I had been called, on the 12th of October, 1841, in St. Paul's Chapel, New York, by the laying on of the hands of the venerable Bishop Griswold, of the Eastern Diocese, presiding Bishop of the church, and of the Bishops of Virginia, Illinois, Connecticut and Pennsylvania, the four next in Seniority. It adds to the sacred interest with which that

transaction is invested, that one aged and revered prelate who united in the solemn office, has since entered upon his everlasting rest. The whole church has deeply sympathized with the Diocese of Virginia in their heavy loss. It will be among the most pleasing and affecting remembrances of my life, to look back upon my intercourse though but brief, with this meek and apostolic man, whose character, both in public and private, was so consistent and beautiful a comment upon the gospel which he taught.

During the remainder of the session of the General Convention, which adjourned on the 19th of October, I enjoyed the privilege, as a member of the house of Bishops, of being present at their important deliberations, and also attended the meeting of the Board of Missions during the same period. The late session of the general council of the church testified, in the unusually large attendance of Bishops, Clergy and Laity, her rapid growth and increasing strength, and a spirit of unity, forbearance, and devetedness to the Redeemer's cause, marked its proceedings. In the Board of Missions a discussion took place, of much importance to us, upon the claim of Delaware to be embraced within the field of operation of the Domestic Missions of the Board. Her claim was recognized, and the Domestic Committee gave a ready compliance to my request for aid in the support of two missionaries. One of these has been nominated by me and appointed by the Committee; the Rev. Walter E. Franklin, whose valuable services are given to the parishes of Georgetown and Dagsboro'. The second appointment has not been made as yet, from my not having had the offer of the services of a suitable missionary. Of what importance the aid thus furnished must prove to the interests of the church in our diocese, I need not exhibit. It is evident that our feebler parishes cannot enjoy ministrations truly efficient and profitable without some assistance. Neither, until the church becomes stronger, can this assistance to any adequate extent be provided within our own limits; although vastly more might be done and ought to be done than has been heretofore. At present the aid of the General Missionary Society is of the utmost consequence. The ready extension of their help will I hope, excite a warmer interest than has ever been felt before in the General Missions of the church, both Domestic and Foreign, so that ere long we may be imparting more than we have received; and also stimulate to such exertions in our own behalf as shall enable us, after a limited time, to dispense with foreign aid. Let but the Missionary spirit, brethern, be truly awakened throughout our Diocese, and we shall have no cause to despond. "Jacob, though he be small, will arise."

My ministerial and official acts since my consecration, have been as follows:

On Sunday, October 17th, I preached in the city of New York, in the morning at St. Luke's, and in the afternoon at St. Paul's church.—On the Sunday following, Oct. 24th, I officiated for the first time after my consecration in the Diocese, in Immanuel church, Newcastle, preaching twice. In the month of November I visited the Southern part of the Diocese, and remained there nearly four months, officiating on Sundays in the different churches of Sussex County in rotation, and preaching nearly every week day in Georgetown, where I resided, or in the neighbouring parishes. During the second week in March I returned to Wilmington, where I have since resided, supplying the vacant church of St. Andrew's with regular services, and officiating as often as circumstances permitted in the other churches of the vicinity. I have also visited Kent County several times. My services in the different parishes have been as follows: In Immanuel church, Newcastle, I have preached four times: in Trinity church, Wilmington, twelve times: in St. Andrew's, Wilmington, twenty-six times: in Grace church Brandywine Hundred, four times: in St. James' church, Staunton, three times. This parish seems to be reviving much under the ministrations of its present Rector, the Rev. Mr. Chambers. At Du Ponts' mills, once, to a large and attentive congregation in the school house, where the Rev. Mr. McCullough officiates on the afternoon of every alternate Sunday. In St. Ann's church, Middletown, three times, and in the Academy, at Middletown, once: in St. Peter's church, Smyrna, six times: at Dover, in the State House, four times: in Christ church, Milford, twelve times: in St. Matthew's, Cedar Creek, once: at Milton, four times: at Georgetown, in the Court House, six, and in St. Paul's church, twenty times: in St. Peter's church, Lewes, nine times: in St. George's chapel, Indian River, three times: at Seaford, five times: at Laurel twice: in Prince George's church, Dagsboro', three times: at Millsboro', twice: at Long Neck, school house, once: at New Ark, once. In all one hundred and thirty-three times. Without the diocese, I have preached in the city of New York, four times. In the city of Philadelphia, four times. In Calvary church, Rockdale, twice: in St. Paul's, Chester, Pa., once: in all eleven times. I have confirmed in the following churches:

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| On Sexagesima Sunday, Jan'ry. 30th, in St. Peter's church, Lewes, | 2 | persons, |
| Second Sunday in Lent, Feb. 20th, Christ church, Milford, | 3 | " |
| Third Sunday in Lent, Feb. 27th, St. George's chapel, | 1 | " |

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| Third Sunday in Lent, Feb., 27th, St. Paul's church, Georgetown, - - - - - | 9 | persons, |
| Sixth Sunday in Lent, March 20th, St. James' church, Staunton, - - - - - | 9 | " |
| Ascension Day, May 5th, Immanuel church, Newcastle, | 3 | " |
| Sunday after Ascension, May 8th, St. Andrew's church, Wilmington, - - - - - - | 13 | " |
| Whit Sunday, May 15th, St. James' church, Staunton, second time, - - - - - - | 5 | " |
| Trinity Sunday, May 22nd, Trinity church, Wilmington, | 37 | " |
| Total, upon nine occasions, | 82 | |

I have administered the Holy Communion in St. Paul's church, Georgetown on Christmas Day, and on the fourth Sunday in Lent, March 6th, receiving on the latter occasion twelve new communicants: in St. Peter's church, Lewes, on the Sunday after Christmas day, Dec. 26th: in Prince George's church, Dagsboro', on the second Sunday after Epiphany, Jan'ry. 16th: on the sixth Sunday in Lent, March 20th: in St. James' church, Staunton: in St. Andrew's, Wilmington, on Easter Day, and Whit Sunday, receiving on the two occasions thirteen new communicants. Other services within the Diocese have been

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| Baptisms—Adults, - - - - - - | | 5 |
| Infants, - - - - - - | | 17 |
| Marriages, - - - - - - | | 2 |
| Funerals, - - - - - - - | | 4 |

The clerical changes which have taken place since the last Convention have been as follows:

The Rev. Henry F. M. Whitesides took letters of dismission to the Diocese of Maryland, on the 22nd of June last, from Bishop Onderdonk. In October last the Rev. John P. Bausman resigned the parishes of St. Ann's, Middletown, and St. Peter's, Smyrna, and was dismissed at his request, on the 5th of April, to the Diocese of Maryland. On the same day I gave letters of dismission for the Rev. Samuel G. Callahan, to the same Diocese. The Rev. William H. Trapnell resigned in October last, the Rectorship of St. Andrew's church, Wilmington.

I accepted on the 1st of April, letters of dismission from the Rt. Rev. H. U. Onderdonk of Pennsylvania, for the Rev. Walter E. Franklin, and on the 24th May, from Bishop Griswold for the Rev. James H. Tyng. Mr. Franklin has been called to the charge of the churches of Georgetown and Dagsboro', and has entered upon his duties as Rector

of those parishes, and missionary at the Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions. The Rev. James H. Tyng has received and accepted a call to the parishes of Middletown and Smyrna, and has taken charge of the same.

The only churches now destitute of the services of a settled pastor in Sussex county, are Laurel and Seaford. The church building commenced some years since at the latter place, still continues incomeplete. Could it be finished, the prospect is good of building up a congregation there.—Considerable exertion has been made during the past winter by the friends of the church in Seaford and other parts of Sussex county for this purpose, and I have endeavoured, not wholly without success, to interest our brethern in the neighbouring dioceses, in behalf of our necessities. From the church of the Epiphany and St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia, from Calvary church, Rockdale, from St. Peter's church, Baltimore, I have received generous tokens of their sympathy with our wants; contributions having been promised, or already placed at my disposal, to be employed as I should think most conducive to the promotion of the Redeemer's cause within our borders. The churchmen of Delaware who have the ability, will be disposed I trust, to shew equal regard to the claims of their brethern at Seaford, and thus enable them to accomplish an object for which they have laboured earnestly, and in the success of which, the interests of the whole diocese are concerned.

St. Andrew's church, Wilmington, is still without a settled pastor, a want which it is confidently hoped will be soon and acceptably supplied. For a considerable period during which the doors of the church were closed, the Sunday school was regulary continued with a perseverance and energy highly creditable to those entrusted with its care; and the present condition of the congregation appears quite encouraging.

Grace church, Brandywine Hundred, and Christ church, Dover, are still destitute of ministerial services. The condition of those parishes favored with regular ministrations, being presented in the reports of their several rectors, does not call for more particular notice in this address.—The general impression of my more recent observations is of an encouraging nature. Without wishing to indulge too sanguine expectations, I cannot but hope and believe that a brighter day is beginning to dawn on our Zion. That such prospects may not be darkened by supineness or negligence on our part, let me urge upon this Convention the adoption of some plan for calling forth more general, steady and liberal contributions to our Missionary Society. I would also affectionately recom-

mend to the congregations that estimate of the services of their pastors, that measure of forbearance and consideration in judging of their conduct which is due to those who watch for their souls; and the want of which must be fatal to the peace, permanence, and benefit of the pastoral relation.

The number of candidates for holy orders, at present belonging to the diocese is three: Mr. John Long, admitted May 25th 1841; Mr. Jacob B. Smith, July 20th 1841, by Bishop Onderdonk: and Mr. Thomas D. Ozanne, whom I admitted, November 20th 1841, upon the recommendation of the Standing Committee.

In conclusion brethern, let me breathe the prayer, in which I trust every heart will join, that our present meeting together, may receive the blessing of our Father above, and may effectually promote the interest of the Redeemer's church. If this be so, our deliberations will be conducted in that spirit of harmony, forbearance and love which belongs to our holy religion, and which will be the surest pledge of future peace and prosperity. And I cannot but express the hope that our Conventions will not only accomplish the ordinary duties which devolve upon them, in the most efficient and advantageous manner, but that they will prove delightful occasions of Christian fellowship and edification: that the assembling of the ministry, while it affords the opportunity for more abundant preaching of the word of life, will be suitably improved, that the church will be exhibited, not only in her completeness, order and unity, but also in her longing desire for the spiritual welfare of her children and for the winning of souls to Christ; and that all of us, both Clergy and Laity, may return to our homes with hearts warmed and quickened, and affections more fervently called forth towards each other, towards the church of which the Lord hath mercifully made us members, and espically towards "Him who is head over all things to his church," our Master and only Saviour.

ALFRED LEE.

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The Bishop having called the Rev. Mr. Presstman to the chair, Dr. J. W. Thomson offered the following Resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

*Resolved*, That a committee of one from each parish represented in this Convention, be appointed to report the method and amount of means, that should be raised in this Diocese for the support of the Bishop.

The following gentlemen were appointed the committee, Messrs. Smith, Thomson, O'Daniel, Read, Foote, Mansfield, Stockly, Layton, Paynter and Draper.

The Hon. C. S. Layton moved that two hundred copies of the Bishop's Sermon and Address be printed in additon to the usual number of copies of the Journal.

The Bishop resumed the Chair.

The Rev. Mr. Reynolds moved that the next Annual Convention be held in St. Peter's Church, Smyrna, which motion was adopted.

Wm. T. Read, Esq., offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be and are hereby presented to the Right Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, for the episcopal services, which for a long period he gratuitously rendered the Church in the Diocese of Delaware, with signal faithfulness and ability.

The committee to whom was referred the Treasurer's account, reported it correct, which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

DR. EVAN H. THOMAS, TREASURER OF THE

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| 1841. | To balance remaining in the hands of the Treasurer, | |
| May 25, | at this date, the sum of - - | $16 86 |
| " " | To dues collected at Convention, and paid to the Treasurer, viz: | |
| | From St. Peter's Church, Lewes, - - | 5 00 |
| | " St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, - | 5 00 |
| | " St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, - - | 5 00 |
| | " Prince George's, Dagsboro', - - | 5 00 |
| | " Grace Church, Brandywine, - - - | 5 00 |
| | " St. George's Chapel, Sussex, - - | 5 00 |
| | " St. James' Church, Stanton, - - | 5 00 |
| | " St. Peter's Church, Smyrna, three years, - | 13 00 |
| | " Christ Church, Laurel, - - | 5 00 |
| | " St. Ann's Church, Middletown, - - | 5 00 |
| | " Christ Church, Milford, - - - - | 5 00 |
| | " St. Matthew's Church, Cedar Creek, - - | 5 00 |
| | " St. Luke's Church, Seaford, - - | 5 00 |
| | " Trinity Church, Wilmington, - - - | 5 00 |
| Nov. 2, | " Immanuel Church, New Castle, - - - | 5 00 |
| " " | " Trinity Church, Wilmington, contribuitons by members towards a special object, the sum of | 25 00 |
| " " | Immanuel Church, New Castle, contributions towards | |
| 1842 | a special object, the sum of - - - - | 25 00 |
| May | To balance due from the Convention to Evan H. Thomas, Treasurer, the sum of - - - | 26 14 |
| | | $176 00 |

Errors excepted,

E. H. THOMAS,
Treasurer.

Wilmington, May, 1842.

## CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF DELAWARE, CR.

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| 1841. May 25 | By cash paid travelling expenses of Bishop Onderdonk, per receipt, - - | No. 1 | $25 00 |
| " " | " cash paid John Kollock, sexton attendance on Convention, per receipt, - - | " 2 | 2 00 |
| " 31 | " Porter & Naff, in full for printing Journals, 1839, and 1840, per receipt, - - | " 3 | 44 00 |
| Oct. 14 | " Rev. John Reynolds, Delegate to General Convention, per receipt, - - | " 4 | 12 00 |
| " 16 | " Dues at General Convention for Delaware Diocese, per receipt, - - - | " 5 | 6 00 |
| " 24 | " Rev. S. W. Presstman, sundries paid by him in New York at consecration of Bishop Lee, - - - - | " 6 | 4 00 |
| Nov. 2 | " Rev. W. H. Trapnell, Delegate to General Convention, per receipt, - - | " 7 | 8 00 |
| " " | " Cash paid into the hands of the Rev. S. W. Presstman to be expended in procuring Robes, &c., for the Bishop elect of Delaware, per receipt, - - - | " 8 | 75 00 |
| | | | $176 00 |
| 1842. May, | By balance due the Treasurer, | | $26 14 |

## APPENDIX TO TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The following sums were received by E. H. Thomas, Treasurer, after his annual statement was rendered to the Convention, viz:

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| From St. Andrew's church, Wilmington, contributions by members towards a special object, - - - | $25 00 |
| From Trinity church, Wilmington, - - - | 5 00 |
| " St. Ann's church, Middletown, - - - | 5 00 |
| " Grace church, Brandywine, - - - - | 5 00 |
| " Prince George's church, - - - - - | 5 00 |
| " Christ church, Milford, - - - - | 5 00 |
| " St. Peter's church, Lewes, - - - - | 5 00 |
| " St Matthew's church, Cedar Creek, - - | 5 00 |
| " St. Peter's church, Smyrna, - - - - - | 5 00 |
| " St. George's Chapel, - - - - - | 5 00 |
| " St. Andrew's church, Wilmington, - - - | 5 00 |
| " St. James' church, Staunton, - - - - | 5 00 |
| " St. Paul's church, Georgetown, - - - | 5 00 |
| " Immanuel church, New Castle, - - - - | 5 00 |
| | $90 00 |

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| Balance due Treasurer on settlement, - - | $26 14 | |
| Paid Sexton of St. Andrew's church, - - | 2 00 | |
| Paid J. F. Wilson, Sec'y., Convention, - | 6 00 | |
| Paid E. A. Wilson, for printing Journals, 1841, - | 25 00 | |
| Paid Bishop Lee's travelling expenses, - - | 25 00 | |
| | | $84 14 |
| Balance, | | 5 86 |
| Christ church, Laurel, due 1842, - - | $5 00 | |
| St. Luke's church Seaford, due, 1842, - | 5 00 | |
| Christ church, Dover, no payment since 1833, | | |

The Convention adjourned for fifteen minutes; at the expiration of this time the Bishop called the house to order.

The committee to whom was referred the Journal of the General Convention of 1841, made the following report, which was accepted.

The committee to whom was referred the Journal of the last General Convention, to examine whether there be therein any thing requiring the attention of this Convention, report:

That they find nothing therein requiring the action of this Convention, except the 4th Canon of the year 1841, which appears to supercede a part of Article 14th of the Constitution of the church in this Diocese, and recommend that it be submitted to the committee on the revision of the constitution, to report such amendment of the 14th Article, as shall make it harmonize with the paramount Canon 4th, of the General Convention of 1841.

The Rev. George Allen offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

*Resolved*, That a committee of four, (two from each order,) sitting with the Bishop, be appointed on so much of the Bishop's address, as relates to a plan for Missionary operations, to report to this Convention to-morrow morning.

The Rev. Messrs. Presstman and Franklin, of the Clergy, and Drs. Thomson and Cummins, of the Laity, were appointed said committee.

The Bishop having called the Rev. Mr. Presstman to the chair, the committee of one from each parish, on the support of the Episcopate, made the following report:

Whereas, from the financial condition of this Diocese, it is necessary

for the comfortable and decent support of the Bishop of the Diocese, to appeal to the christian liberality of Episcopalians in this state, Therefore,

*Resolved*, That it be, and hereby is earnestly recommended to the Wardens and Vestry of the several churches in this state, to raise immediately, by subscription or otherwise, such a sum of money as they conveniently can, for the maintenance and support of the Right Rev. A. Lee, Bishop of this Diocese, for the current year.

*Resolved*, That the Vestry and Wardens aforesaid, be requested to forward the sums from time to time thus raised, to the Treasurer of this Convention.

*Resolved*, That the monies that shall thus, from time to time, come into the hands of the said Treasurer, shall be by him forthwith paid over to the Bishop.

The Committee, recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That a committee of be appointed to consider the propriety of establishing a Bishops fund in this State, to report at the next Annual Convention in this Diocese.

The first three resolutions were read separately and unanimously adopted. The blank in the last resolution was filled by the word "five" and the resolution adopted. The Chairman to announce the Committee to-morrow.

The Bishop took the chair; and on motion, the Convention adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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St. Andrew's Church.
Thursday, May 26th, 1842.

At 9 o'clock the Convention again assembled pursuant to adjournment. Prayers by the Bishop. Joshua S. Layton, a Lay Delegate from St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, and Charles G. Ridgley, a Lay Delegate from St. George's Chapel, appeared and took their seats. The Secretary called the roll. Present of the Clergy, the Right Rev. A. Lee, and the Rev. Messrs. Chambers, Franklin, McCullough, Presstman, and Tyng; of the Laity, Messrs. Smith, Thomson, Wilson, Bradford, Whiteman, Stockly, Cummins, C. S. Layton, Paynter, Rodney, Draper, J. S. Layton and Ridgley.

The minutes of yesterday were read, amended and approved.

The Bishop having called the Rev. Mr. McCullough to the Chair, the Hon. C. S. Layton moved, that the Secretary be requested to call the

attention of each Vestry in this Diocese, to the resolutions, on the support of the Episcopate, adopted yesterday, which motion was adopted.

Gen. Mansfield offered the following Resolution, which was adopted.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the Right Rev. A. Lee, D. D., such sum as may be sufficient to defray his travelling expenses for the past year, out of money in his hands not otherwise appropriated.

The Bishop resumed the Chair.

E. A. Wilson's bill of twenty-five dollars, for printing Journal of 1841, and J. F. Wilson's bill of six dollars, for postage, stationary, &c. were read and allowed.

The Secretary was requested to send to Bishop Onderdonk, a copy of the resolution passed yesterday, tendering him the thanks of the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Presstman, the Convention took a recess of ten minutes, to prepare for the election of a Standing Committee, and Delegates to the General Convention, for the ensuing year.

At the expiration of this time the house was called to order. The Rev. Messrs. Tyng and Franklin of the Clergy; and Messrs. J. S. Layton and Foote, of the Laity, were appointed tellers.

Dr. J. W. Thomson moved to postpone the election and appoint a committee of conference, who should report the names of suitable candidates for the Standing Committee. The Rev. Mr. Franklin proposed an amendment to allow any member of the Convention, to nominate *viva voce*, candidates for the Standing Committee, or as Delegates to the General Convention, which amendment was accepted.

The question being on Dr. Thomson's motion, as amended, on a division was lost.

The tellers proceeded to take the votes; and the Convention adjourned, to meet again immediately after Divine Service.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Mansfield, of Connecticut, and the Sermon preached by the Rev. Walter E. Franklin, of Georgetown.

The Convention again assembled, and the following Parochial Reports were read.

### Report of Trinity Church, Wilmington.

The Rector of Trinity Church reports for the past year,

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| Baptisms, of Adults, | 5 |
| of Infants, | 32 |
| Total, | 37 |
| Confirmations, | 37 |
| Communicants added, | 15* |
| repelled, | 2 |
| withdrawn, | 2 |
| deceased, | 2 |
| removed, | 3 |
| Communicants according to last report, | 113 |
| Present number of Communicants, | 119 |
| Marriages, | 6 |
| Sunday School Teachers, | 23 |
| Pupils belonging to Sunday Schools, | 260 |

The congregation continues in a prosperous state. The Rector feels much encouraged by the prospect of usefulness in the neighbourhood of Dupont's Powder Mills, where, for the last six months, he has in addition to the ordinary services in Trinity Church, officiated regularly twice a month. There is a very flourishing Sunday School at that place, conducted principally by the ladies of the Dupont family, held in a School House built by that family expressly for that purpose.

J. W. McCULLOUGH, Rector.

* Those confirmed during the year have not, except one, had the opportunity of partaking of the Communion—which makes the number of additions appear much smaller than it would otherwise have been.

### Report of St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington.

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| Baptisms, Adults, | 3 |
| Infants, | 5 |
| Confirmed, (one from Grace Church, Brandywine,) | 13 |
| Communicants added, | 17 |
| " present number, | 80 |
| Funerals, | 6 |
| Marriages, | 2 |
| Sunday School Teachers, | 23 |
| Scholars, | 244 |

This church has been without a Rector since October last, when the Rev. William H. Trapnell resigned the pastoral charge. For about four

months the church was closed owing to unexpected delay in awaiting the decision of a gentleman who had been called to the rectorship and who had expected to enter upon the duties of the station. Since the second Sunday in March, the Bishop of the Diocese has officiated regularly on Sundays and also on Friday evenings. There has been a good attendance on the services and a gratifying interest evinced on the part of the congregation. The church it is hoped will soon enjoy the ministrations of a settled pastor.

Given by JOSEPH C. SEEDS, ANDREW JACK, } Wardens.

Report of Immanuel Church, New Castle.

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| Communicants added, | | | 10 |
| removed, | | | 5 |
| present number, | | | 42 |
| Baptisms—Adults, | | | 1 |
| Infants, | | | 4 |
| Confirmed (Special Confirmation) | | | 3 |
| Marriages, | | | 3 |
| Burials, | | | none |
| Sunday Schools—Male Teachers | 6 | Scholars | 40 |
| Female do | 9 | do | 47 |
| Total, | 15 | | 87 |

S. W. PRESSTMAN, Rector.

Report of St. Peter's Church, Smyrna.

The Rector, having just entered upon his office here, can say but little. This parish comprises about ten families. The usual congregation may average perhaps a hundred. There are found here but four communicants. Yet the prospects of the church here are by no means discouraging. There is stedfastness, harmony, great liberality and serious attention; on these are based sanguine hopes, by the blessing of God, of growth and prosperity.

Report of St. Ann's Church, Middletown.

The number of families and of worshippers here is larger than the above. And the same characteristics encourage similar anticipations. Communicants about twenty. The children are about being formed, in each parish, into a class for catechetical instruction, and the youth and adults into a class for scriptural study. Services are held in either church alter-

nately in the morning and afternoon. There is an evening service held weekly.

JAMES H. TYNG, Rector.

Smyrna, May 23d, 1842.

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Report of St. James' Church, Staunton.

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| Communicants who belonged to this congregation last Convention, | 11 |
| Died, | 1 |
| Present number, | 10 |
| added since last year, | 18 |
| Total number, | 28 |

It is expected, in humble reliance on the divine blessing; that, on next Lord's day, we shall, have several further additions to the communicants of this congregation.

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| Baptisms, adults, | 12 |
| children, | 5 |
| Total, | 17 |
| Confirmations, | 14 |
| Marriages, | 4 |
| Funerals, Communicant, 1 Total, | 4 |

The Sunday School belonging to this church has been lately revived.

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| Teachers, including males and females, | 7 |
| Scholars, do do | 65 |

Since our last Convention, it has pleased Almighty God, signally to bless this small congregation, by awakening among them, a lively interest to religion, and directing the minds of many in the neighbourhood, to a more pious search after the "one thing needful," righteousness and true holiness.

CORRY CHAMBERS, Rector,
Residing in Wilmington.

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Report from the Rector of Christ Church, Milford, Kent County, St. Matthew's Church, Cedar Creek, St. Peter's Church, Lewes, and St. George's Chapel, Sussex County.

*Christ Church, Milford.*—This congregation remains in nearly the same condition as last reported. There are indications of some improve-

ment in the increased union and harmony of its members. The public services derive additional interest from the attendance of a large and talented choir of singers, by whose devotional aid the solemnity and interest of the religious are considerably enhanced. The responses are regularly and audibly made by many of the members. The ministerial acts have been

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| Baptisms, | 10 |
| Confirmations, | 3 |
| Marriages, | 0 |
| Funerals, | 5 |
| Communicants, | 20 |

*St. Matthew's Church, Cedar Creek*—In consequence of the members of this congregation generally residing at some distance from the church, the public services are suspended during the winter, and renewed in the spring. There is an encouraging prospect of a more numerous attendance on divine worship. The ministerial acts are included in the Milford report.

*St. Peter's Church, Lewes.*—The attendance on public worship is characterized by the greatest seriousness and devotion and increasing numerically. The Sunday School has been revived under favorable auspices, some of the Vestry having taken a warm, active and praise-worthy interest in conducting it. Teachers six, Scholars, male and female, about twenty. Ministerial acts

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| Baptisms, adults 3, children 14. Total. | 17 |
| Marriages, | 0 |
| Funerals, | 6 |
| Communicants, | 30 |
| Confirmations, | 2 |

*St. George's Chapel, Indian River Hundred.*—This congregation, formerly connected with St. Peter's, now constitutes a separate and distinct church under its own Vestry. It is distinguished for the harmony and concord of its members; the attendance upon Divine worship is regular and increasing, and it is confidently anticipated that by the divine blessing upon the sanctuary, great and lasting good will be accomplished. Ministerial acts

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| Baptisms, | 3 |
| Marriages, | 7 |
| Funerals, | 4 |
| Communicants, | 12 |
| Confirmation, | 1 |

The Rector of these parishes has also endeavoured to revive the church of John the Baptist in Rehoboth. He has preached there weekly on Wednesday evenings with some encouragement, the prospect of speedy success is not very hopeful. He is induced to persevere by the divine promise, that if we wait on the Lord, he will renew our strength. May a speedy fulfilment of this assurance still animate him in his course.

J. REYNOLDS, Rector.

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St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, and Prince George's Church, Dagsboro'.

The shortness of the time during which I have been connected with these churches, will excuse the brevity of the report now presented respecting their condition. I entered on the duties of this charge during the month of April, and have up to this date (May 25th) officiated on Sundays six times in Georgetown, four times in Dagsboro', and twice in Millsboro', on week days five times in Georgetown. There is a gratifying prospect of usefulness in these parishes which I hope with the Divine blessing will be abundantly realized. A Sunday School was organized in St. Paul's Church on the 15th of this month, with nine teachers and twenty-seven scholars, which number was increased on the following Sunday. It is in contemplation shortly to form a Sunday School in Dagsboro' also, to continue in operation during part of the year.

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| St. Paul's, Georgetown.—Communicants, | - - | 20 |
| | added during year, | 12 |
| Prince George's, Dagsboro'.—Communicants, | - - | 6 |
| | added, - | 2 |

WALTER E. FRANKLIN, Rector.

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From the following churches no reports were received, Grace Church, Brandywine; Christ Church, Dover; St. Luke's Church, Seaford; and Christ Church, Laurel.

The tellers reported that the following gentlemen, had received a majority of the votes given for members of the Standing Committee.

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| Rev. S. W. Presstman,<br>Rev. J. W. McCullough, | Of the Clergy. |
| Hon. G. B. Rodney,<br>W. T. Read, Esq. | Of the Laity. |

Whereupon the chair declared the above named gentlemen to be duly elected, the Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

Dr. J. W. Thomson offered the following resolution which was adopted.

*Resolved*, That hereafter at future Conventions of this Diocese, members of the Standing Committee and Delegates to the Ceneral Convention, shall be elected by ballot, on the afternoon of the first day of the Convention, and that the candidates for those offices shall be named in the forenoon session of the same day, by any member of the Convention, nominating such candidates, *viva voce*.

On motion of the Hon. C. S. Layton, the Convention proceeded to nominate, *viva voce*, candidates as Delegates to the General Convention. Several gentlemen were nominated.

On the first ballot, the two orders concurred in electing the Rev. Messrs. Presstman, McCullough and Franklin, of the Clergy, and Messrs. Paynter, Mansfield and Bradford, of the Laity.

On the second ballot, the Rev. Mr. Tyng was elected by both orders as a Clerical Delegate, but there was no choice of a Lay Delegate.

On the third ballot, the two orders concurred in electing Wm. T. Read, Esq., as a Lay Delegate.

Hon. C. S. Layton, offered the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention, be and are hereby tendered to the Wardens and Vestry, of St. Andrew's Church, for the use of said Church; and to the citizens of Wilmington, for their kindness and hospitality, extended to its members, during its present session.

The Rev. Mr. Presstman announced the following gentlemen as the committee, called for by the last resolution, reported yesterday, by the committee on the support of the Bishop. Hon. James Booth, Dr. J. W. Thomson, Gen. Richard Mansfield, Hon. C. S. Layton, and Col. S. Paynter.

The committee on so much of the Bishops Address as relates to Missions, made the following report:

1. That the Bishop be requested to address a pastoral letter to the Church in this Diocese, setting forth and urging the claims of Missions.

2. That it be recommended to Ministers having a Pastoral charge, to bring the whole subject of Missions and especially the wants of our own Diocese, before the people, giving them all the information necessary and urging them by the high motives of the gospel to adopt such measures in each parish as may be deemed most efficient for promoting the interest of the Church.

interest in the good work, in the face of many difficulties. The effort deserves the sympathy and aid of all who love the church. Although the building is finished, there is still need of assistance from friends abroad, to clear it from remaining indebtedness, which, we trust, will be liberally extended.

There has been no change, during the year, in the number of clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, except the addition of the Rev. J. Long as above stated. Mr. Long has been called to the charge of St. Luke's church, Seaford, and has accepted the same.—To this will probably be added the pastoral care of Christ Church, Broad Creek, and St. John's, Little Hill. The Rev. J. Reynolds has resigned the rectorship of St. Peter's, Lewes, and of St. George's Chapel.

The Rev. Z. H. Mansfield, of the Diocese of Connecticut, has officiated, during much of the year, at Grace Church, Brandywine Hundred.

The number of candidates for Holy Orders, at present belonging to the Diocese, is *three*, viz:

Mr. Jacob B. Smith, from July 20th, 1841; Mr. Thomas D. Ozanne, from November 20th, 1841; and Mr. Edmund P. Brown, transferred by the late Bishop Griswold, from the diosese of Rhode Island, and received by me October 10th, 1842, as a candidate from October 1st, 1840.

Among the subjects of importance, which will be presented to your notice at this time, will be the report of the Committee appointed at the last Convention, to revise the Constitution of the Diocese, and the report of the Missionary Committee. As any proposed alteration in the constitution, might require correspondent change in the Canons, I would suggest the expediency of referring the canons also to the same committee, that their report may embrace the whole subject.

It will appear by the report of the Missionary Committee, that although the plan proposed by the last Convention, and urged by me, in the pastoral letter which I was then requested to address to the members of our churches, has not received that general support which it deserved, it has yet accomplished more than the diocese has probably ever done, for the same object, during any former year. It is gratifying to know that we have paid into the general treasury of the church more than we have received. Would every churchman do his part in the good work, we might conduct our own operations, without calling upon the Board of Missions for their aid; and, at the same time,

## STANDING COMMITTEE ELECTED MAY, 1842.

Rev. S. W. Presstman, Hon. G. B. Rodney,
Rev. J. W. McCullough, Wm. T. Read, Esq.

## DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION, ELECTED MAY, 1842.

Rev. S. W. Presstman,
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## PSALM, LXXX: 14.

"RETURN, WE BESEECH THEE, O GOD OF HOSTS: LOOK DOWN FROM HEAVEN, AND BEHOLD, AND VISIT THIS VINE."

There is a diversity of opinion as to the period when this Psalm was composed. Some would ascribe it to the time of Sennacherib's invasion, others to the era of the Babylonish captivity. But the circumstances under which it was indited are evidently those of very deep depression and gloom. In the course of his earnest supplication, (for it is throughout, a prayer,) the psalmist makes mention of the former prosperity of Israel, and recounts before the Lord his once gracious dealings with his people. "Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt; thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it. Thou preparedst room before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land. The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedars. She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river."—Such was Israel once, a nation chosen of the Lord; who was like unto her? Not only was she exalted to a high estate of public prosperity; respected by the surrounding people, "peace within her borders, and the voice of rejoicing in her dwellings," but more especially favoured with the knowledge of the true God, blessed with his ordinances, and united in His worship—the bright spot in a darkened world, the well watered garden in a dry and barren wilderness. Such, in her pristine beauty, did memory present her to the imagination of the inspired penman. But how different the reality which he was now compelled to contemplate. "Why hast thou then broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her? The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of

the field doth devour it. It is burned with fire, it is cut down. They perish at the rebuke of thy countenance."

His faith in the over-ruling providence of God leads the mourner to ascribe all the calamities which had befallen this vineyard, to the Almighty hand. Whatever the instrument by which the desolation had been wrought, he looks beyond it to the Great Disposer of all events. If God was to be honored in the day of prosperity, as the Author of peace and advancement, making rich with his blessing, He was no less to be feared and reverenced amid calamities and trials, as He that rideth upon the whirlwind and wieldeth the thunder-bolt. To Him, and none other has the psalmist recourse in this day of adversity. "Give ear, oh shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock, thou that dwellest between the cherubim, shine forth. Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up thy strength, and come and save us." Still does he look to the Highest as the Shepherd of Israel, their deliverer from bondage, their guide through the wilderness, the captain of their salvation in the day of battle; who had vouchsafed to manifest his glory in the mysterious tabernacle, and thus to dwell between the cherubim which overshadowed the mercy-seat. He entreats him to shine forth in his glorious power for his people's succour, as in former days when the ark of the covenant moved in triumph, followed by the tribes of Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. That his people may be prepared for such a merciful intervention on their behalf, he earnestly supplicates the Lord for his converting grace. "Turn us again oh God of Hosts and cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved." And this petition is thrice repeated with increasing emphasis. But the plea which he presents as most availing, hath respect to the *branch* of his vineyard which the Lord had made strong for himself. "Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the Son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself." It is, we conceive, to Christ, the hope of his people from the beginning, ever the consolation of Israel, that he here alludes. The name with which he would avert divine anger, and induce the Lord to look with favor upon his seemingly forsaken heritage, is that of the Son of man, the Branch as well

s the root of the vine; for whose sake the vine itself is spared and blessed. And if Christ may be but manifested among them and for them, then will their night be turned into day. "So will we not go back from thee; quicken us and we will call upon thy name."

But we turn from this pathetic and interesting psalm, to dwell more particularly upon some practical lessons which it teaches us.

I. From our consideration of it we first infer that the Church of God may be greatly depressed. For wise and good reasons the Lord may be pleased so to hide his countenance that his heritage may appear quite forsaken. The church once prosperous, a joy and a praise, may become poor and despised, may be spoiled of its earthly possessions, may be reduced in numbers and influence, and what is still more to be deprecated, may become dead and formal, conformed to this world, the theatre of strife and discord. The ways of Zion may "mourn because none come to her solemn feasts," her houses of prayer be closed, and no sacrifice of broken spirits, no oblation of penitent and contrite hearts ascend therefrom, unto the Lord God of Hosts.—Such a condition of the church of Christ is parallel to that of Israel in many periods of her history. Upon the chosen nation were repeatedly visited the sins which she had committed. God loved her too well to pass them by. Her departures from Him brought down invariably His heavy displeasure. And thus must we interpret afflictive judgments upon the church of Christ. A collective body, if it be dealt with by God, must be visited in *this world.* The retributions of the eternal world are individual; but when a nation or a church are to be recompensed as such, the present scene only can witness the execution of the award. And we may consider that divine correction will take its measure from divine love; that, as in the case of individuals, "whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth." Sins therefore that might pass unnoticed in aliens and enemies, or such as God had finally abandoned, will be the subject of His searching and severe reprehension in his adopted and beloved. With the richest promises to the people of Christ are conjoined the sternest denunciations against their sins.—

"His seed also will I make to endure forever, and his throne as the days of heaven. If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgements; if they break my statutes and keep not my commaudments; then will I visit their transgressions with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my loving kindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail." This declaration of the Lord, that his dealings with his covenant people are to be understood as corrections, not as tokens of abandonment, is full of consolation to the stricken. It is like the bow of promise on the dark thunder-cloud. It speaks of returning favor when the trial shall have effected its purifying work. "For the Lord will not cast off his people, neither will He forsake His inheritance; but though He cause grief, yet will He have compassion, according to the multitude of his mercies." In all the adversity therefore which befalls a church, it is bound to recognize the just displeasure of God.—But even the day of trouble is to afford encouragement, inasmuch as it shews the Lord's concernment with his heritage. He is still busy with it. The husbandman is pruning the vine. And wherefore, but that it may yet strike root downward and bear fruit upward? The trial, sharp as it may be, is but the voice of the Lord, calling to a lukewarm or unfaithful church—"as many as I love, I rebuke and chasten, be zealous therefore and repent."

It is impossible, brethren, but that we should recognize in the description which the Psalmist gives of the former and latter state of Israel, some resemblance to the history of our church in this diocese. Like the chosen nation, our Zion was once prosperous and extended. The vine which the Lord's Providence transplanted, not from the unfavorable soil of an oppressing Egypt, but from the fostering side of a nursing mother, took deep root and filled the land. "Room was prepared before it, the hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedars." In the number and size of the houses of prayer, once filled to overflowing with worshipping assemblies, which formerly overspread this peninsula, we have evidence that she indeed "sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river." But when we would

compare the former state with the present, we have almost reason to take up the mournful strain of the Psalmist. We are shown, not unfrequently, the place where a sanctuary of the Lord once stood, but which has passed away with the generations who worshipped in it. Others we behold, whose doors are closed, upon which the sun of Sabbath after Sabbath shines without witnessing any service performed to God, any gospel preached to man.—And in some of those which yet resound with the voice of prayer and praise, small congregations occupy the once thronged seats. Is there not cause for the expostulation, "why hast thou then broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her: the boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it. Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours, and our enemies laugh among themselves." And surely it becomes us to recognize God's hand in the changed condition. We may perceive indeed the immediate effect of various causes, and trace the working of inferior agencies. But it is our duty to look beyond them—to discern the hand which touches the concealed springs, and worketh all things on earth as in heaven. The effect, for instance of the war of the revolution, in depriving parishes to a considerable extent of ministers, and of the prejudice excited in the community against the church, as if identified in some degree with the parent country, is plainly marked, in giving a shock which is not yet recovered from. The interruption and want of ministerial services, the difficulties in a diocese without a head of its own, in the way of administering proper discipline, and other causes whose baneful influence is undeniable, might be instanced. But upon the various and obvious circumstances which have had their bearing upon the issue, and have combined to depress the church, we need not dwell further than to gain the lessons of experience which they emphatically teach, and of which we should avail ourselves for future guidance. It becomes us to look to God, to humble ourselves under his mighty hand, to acknowledge the divine justice in all that has occurred. We may be sure that the Lord's dealings are never uncalled for, never excessive. There must have been cause, abundant cause for the hiding of his face and

the consequent depression of his Zion. If the church is cast down, she must have proved unfaithful: unfaithful to her Great Head, rendering to Him "vain oblations," cold and formal service; deficient in spiritual life and true devotion: unfaithful to the souls around her whom she was bound to seek and to save, disturbing their slumbers of worldliness and sin by no trumpet-note of alarm. The church is the Lord's instrument for effecting his great work of bringing the redeemed to the knowledge and love of their Redeemer, of reclaiming the wanderers, restoring the lost, enlightening the ignorant, and gathering those ready to perish into the ark of salvation. But if the church become untrue to her Lord's behest, unmindful of her great trust, supine and indifferent where she should be actively engaged, cold and worldly where she should be full of spiritual life, distracted and divided where she should be united and harmonious; what reason has she to expect the smiles of heaven? "If the salt have lost its savour, wherewith shall it be salted?" If the candlestick emit no bright and abiding ray, wherefore should it not be removed out of its place? We may conclude then that God's dealings with this portion of his church have been, as ever, kind and parental; that her adversity hath been abundantly merited, that it hath been sent to reprove, rebuke and quicken her in the way, and that if it be suitably heeded and improved, the fruits thereof will be precious.

II. We observe further in the Psalm, the *true recourse of a depressed church.* "*Return we beseech thee, oh God of Hosts, look down from heaven and behold, and visit this vine.*"—There is a refuge in the day of trial. To the afflicted church as well as the afflicted soul, there is "a hiding-place from the storm and a covert from the tempest." "God is our strong habitation whereunto we may continually resort." How blessed is it when the help of man fails, when schemes are disappointed, and hopes blasted, and friends and favorers are few, to look to the High and Lofty One in humble confidence, to roll the heavy burden upon him, and to rely upon his unshaken word. Surely if we can do this in our own adversities, if we can carry our individual wants and trials to the mercy-seat, much more may we be encouraged

so to do when our solicitude is for the interests of Christ's kingdom, and our "hearts tremble for the ark of God." In behalf of the Lord's heritage, we may indeed "come boldly to the throne of grace" and plead with greater earnestness and confidence than for any personal blessing. We know how powerful an advocate the church hath above—that her maker is her husband—that He who loved her and gave himself for her, is "past into the heavens and sitteth on the right hand of God, and ever liveth to make intercession." And brethren, of what moment is it that all who "love our Zion, who think upon her stones, and whom it pitieth to see her in the dust," should importune the Lord to "arise and have mercy upon her." The duty of prayer at such a time and for such an object may be generally admitted. I do not suppose that any will question it. But oh, brethren in Christ, *is it truly felt?* I put it to the consciences of you who are wont to pray, who know not what it is to "enter into the closet and shut to the door, and there beseech your Father who seeth in secret"—do you adequately remember the wants of your church? Do you spread the matter before the Lord in the outpouring of longing hearts? Do you confess the past sins, and negligencies, and divisions of Zion with true humiliation? Do you implore the Lord for the dawning of a brighter day with strong desire? Do you make mention of the waste places of Zion, the closed sanctuaries, the scattered and famishing flocks? Do you earnestly "pray the Lord of the harvest to thrust forth labourers into the harvest?" Do you pray for the *peace* of Jerusalem? that she may be "as a city that is at *unity* with herself?" Ambassadors for Christ, preachers of the reconciling word—are you sufficiently engaged in supplication for the blessing of the Highest on your own labours; and for your brethren in the sacred ministry? Are your own flocks borne upon your hearts before the throne with sufficient frequency and fervor?—Do you feel that those committed to you and for whose souls you watch, are but a *part* of the body, and do the suffering *members* come in for their share of sympathy in your supplications? Do you commend these who are preparing for the sacred ministry, to Him who alone can make them "workmen that need not to be

ashamed;" and do you entreat the Lord to increase their number? And you, brethren, *hearers of the word*—do you "pray for us"—do you embrace in your petitions the *Ministers* of Christ, and especially "him who labours among you in word and doctrine?" Is Zion remembered with that warmth and earnestness which she justly claims? Oh, it is one thing, beloved, to admit without dispute the propriety, and duty, and necessity of prayer for the church, and it is quite another, really to engage in it in such a manner as God will approve, and own, and answer. How did Daniel pray when he besought for the turning away of the captivity of Jacob? "Oh my God, incline thine ear and hear; open, thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name; for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies. Oh Lord, hear; oh Lord, forgive; oh Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, oh my God; for thy city and thy people are called by thy name." How did Paul pray for the welfare of the churches which he had planted? And how does the Psalmist, upon whose words we have meditated, importune the Highest for his returning favor? Oh if there were among us but a small measure of this fervent, effectual prayer, this wrestling with God in behalf of his heritage; would not the Lord indeed "cause his face to shine upon us, and pour out a blessing that there should not be room to receive it." May it be the language of every heart in view of the past—"Come, and let us return unto the Lord, for He hath torn and He will heal us, He hath smitten and He will bind us up." And let us remember that if we lose sight of our entire dependence upon him—if we look to subordinate instruments for help, except as He employs them, if the acknowledgement of God in the concerns of his church is made but as a matter of course, an empty and unmeaning homage, not the deep-seated conviction of genuine reliance, we cannot prosper. We shall be surely disappointed in the very means from which we expect most. The reed upon which we lean will break and pierce us, and our bow, when bent, will snap asunder. But if we drink in the spirit of our text; if we indeed sympathize with the Psalmist in looking unto God as our help and hope—then shall

we assuredly be furthered and prospered—"then shall our light break forth as the morning, and our health shall spring forth speedily:" Then shall we be directed and encouraged to use the means of revival and restoration, and we shall use them *successfully*. For MEANS MUST be used. Reliance on prayer is never meant to supersede them, but to lead us to the humble, and diligent, and hopeful employment of such as are accordant with the divine word. So far is prayer from dispensing with suitable means, that to neglect them, evidences a want of sincerity in our petitions. While we ought to pray as if prayer were every thing, we should labour as if effort were every thing. And if we are truly engaged in supplication, we shall not, we cannot be negligent and remiss in exertion. Let us now advert to some of those things which must be conjoined on our part with faithful prayer, if we look for the Lord's favorable interposition.

1. One of the most obvious is the *frequent and faithful preaching of the word*. The gospel is "the power of God unto salvation." To proclaim it, is the commission and office of the church, and just as the church is faithful to the trust, and puts out to the highest usury this precious talent, may she count upon the Lord's help and benediction. And it is all important, brethren in the ministry of reconciliation, that our preaching should be the simple, faithful declaration of the distinguishing truths of Christ's religion. "Wo is unto us, if we preach not *the gospel*." Not only shall we be in jeopardy, if we refuse to preach when the Lord calls us to the work, but if we preach any thing beside the gospel of salvation. We must remember that the great object of our public teachings is to be the lifting up of Christ, in his various offices of grace, and love, and power; that we are dealing with the souls of those who, one by one, are passing away from the earthly sanctuary in rapid succession, and that, a little while, and preacher and hearers shall stand together before "the judgement-seat of Christ." Oh then, take heed brethren, that the trumpet give no uncertain sound. "Preach the word, be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering." That church which has most authentic testimonials, most indubitable commission to proclaim the gospel, should be

most clear, faithful and zealous in the proclamation. Never should any soul, anxious for its eternal safety, and inquiring the way of life, be turned away for the want of explicit and scriptural teaching, to other folds. Impenitent sinners should never be permitted to slumber on in undisturbed security until eternity surprises them unforgiven, or more decided warning from another voice than that of their own pastor, awakens them to their need of grace and pardon, and at the same time draws them away from the bosom of their church. Christian disciples should never be suffered to lack that close, searching exhibition of their bounden duties which shall keep them watchful, humble and diligent, or that due setting forth of their exalted privileges, which through the Spirit, shall fill them with hope, joy and peace, and enable them to overcome the world.

2. But the suitable preaching of the gospel involves not alone the duties which rest upon the ministry. They are indeed the heralds of salvation, the ambassadors for Christ. But that their services may be enjoyed, they must be sustained; and to have their due effect they must be appreciated. The Lord hath ordained that "they who preach the gospel should *live* of the gospel." If then brethren, the word of life is to be held forth by the church within our limits, there will evidently be required more exertion and liberality for the support of our ministrations. I am not ignorant that it is "the day of small things," that many of our congregations are feeble, and that the burden of sustaining the minister of a church falls upon a few. But alas for our unbelief and worldliness that it should be deemed a burden. Ought it not rather to be prized as a high privilege. If we rightly estimated the value of the gospel, and of the institutions of the church; if we looked more at the things unseen and eternal; if we felt more sensibly the love of our Lord Jesus Christ, who "though He was rich, for our sakes became poor, that we through his poverty might be rich;" should we not find our ability greatly to increase? Would our contributions to the treasury of the Lord ever come grudgingly, as a tax or a quit rent, rather than be poured in as a free-will offering? I am persuaded brethren, that in spite of our supposed poverty, if all who call themselves friends

of the church, rightly viewed their obligation, and suitably appreciated their privilege, realized the account which they must hereafter give of their stewardship, felt as true an interest in the cause of Christ as in the political contest, esteemed salvation to be more precious than luxuries and superfluities, inquired not what others might give, but made it a matter of conscience between themselves and the Great Giver of all they possess, there would be no difficulty in the adequate support of as many ministers as we need. Our Missionary Society would have the means of aiding the feebler parishes, and extending the services of the church.—Ministrations thus supported would also be more highly prized. The attendance upon them would be fuller and more punctual, the attention given more earnest, and the whole effect more marked and abiding.

3. Among the means essential to the building up of the church, must not be omitted *the religious training of our youth.* I need not appeal to Scripture for argument to prove its estimate of this duty. You are familiar with the many passages in which it is enjoined. Neither is it at this time needful to shew how decided is the testimony of the church to its vast importance. Her whole system supposes the suitable training of the lambs of the flock, in "the nurture and admonition of the Lord." In her view, baptized children are consecrated to their Redeemer; and she looks in faith for the fullest blessing upon the proper discharge of the duties of parents and sponsors. She would not wait until her children become mature in impenitence, callous in sin, immersed in worldliness, that they may then, by loud denunciation and violent effort be turned from the ways of death, but she would seize upon the conscience while yet tender, instruct the mind while open, and fill the heart with the graces of the Spirit, ere it be preoccupied by pleasure, care and covetousness. And most contrary is it to all her principles, that strangers and aliens from her communion should have the guidance and instruction of her youth. How much this duty has been neglected within our borders will be evident to all, when I simply state, that in two counties I found scarcely the vestige of a Sunday School, in connexion with any of our parishes. Nor have I reason to suppose that family instruc-

tion is so constant and faithful as to dispense with their aid. What better can be expected than that the children of our households, instead of imbibing early the humble and chastened piety of our Zion, gratitude for her maternal care, firm and enlightened attachment to her institutions; should grow up indifferent or prejudiced, and become alienated from her fold.

4. I mention but one more essential to returning prosperity. And should I say all that I feel upon this point, I should fear to detain you too long. That to which I refer, and upon which I would insist with the utmost earnestness, is *the cultivation of union and harmony*. I need not advert, for I have no wish to excite painful recollections, to circumstances gone-by. I trust, (whatever may have been the faults and errors of the past in this particular,) that our future history will be one of peace. How utterly opposed are division and party-spirit, variance and recrimination to the principles of the gospel; how baneful the effects of religious strife; how many souls are jeoparded, it may be ruined, by the workings of anger, jealousy, envy and strife among professed Christians! The sad results are evident to all. And how uncongenial are such things to the character of our church: how destitute of all apology and excuse in her mild, tolerant, peace-speaking spirit! If any Christians should be pre-eminently lovers and promoters of harmony, we are they. The church, of which we are members, is the witness for unity in an age of division. In the midst of multiform and conflicting sects and opinions, she maintains and sets forth those principles, which, apprehended and embraced, would re-unite the scattered limbs and members, and compact them into one harmonious body, fitly joined together. She, and she alone possesses that specific which can heal the bitter waters of dissension. How weighty then the obligation upon her members, "to maintain and set forward quietness, peace and love." What fearful responsibility will rest upon those, who, by fomenting discord within the walls of Zion, make her a reproach and by-word, and altogether annul the benefits of her testimony to the cardinal truth upon which Jesus dwelt so fervently—that "they all should be one." I cannot but indulge the hope, brethren, that henceforth peace will

be within our borders, that old differences will be buried and forgotten, that no root of bitterness will again spring up, that mutual forbearance will endear the relation of pastor and people in every parish, and that we shall "hold the faith in unity of spirit, and in the bond of peace."

Such then are some of the most obvious and effectual remedies, under the blessing of God, for our low estate. We can in no way dispense with the abundant and faithful preaching of the gospel by the ministry; the adequate support and suitable estimate of their services by the laity; energy in our missionary efforts; the religious nurture of our youth, and the preservation of harmony and peace within our borders. And if, to the sincere and persevering prayer which the text exhibits, we unite these indispensible means, it requires no prophet's eye to discern in the future, brighter and happier days. Our encouragements are great and manifold, if we throw ourselves with suitable energy and zeal into the cause. We are engaged in the Lord's work: we are furthering not a mere human institution: we are banded in no scheme of our own contrivance, devoted to no selfish object. We are aiming to advance no novelty of the age, no boasted improvement of the human intellect; but we stand in the old ways, and point to the time-honored paths wherein holy men of many generations have travelled to their rest. We maintain primitive and well-proved principles, in an age of change and agitation. We labour cheerfully for that venerable church, which hath come down to us so little changed from apostolic days. And we know and are assured, that though for a time depressed and cast down, she must nevertheless "arise and shine." As scheme upon scheme of man's origination, after its brief day of fame, explodes and passes away, she will but become better known and more highly prized. As one blazing meteor after another, disappears in darkness, her bright and benign rays will be cast over the troubled waters with still increasing radiance. Her steady advance throughout our land, against the strong tide of prejudice, is the harbinger of future extension and success.

And now, brethren, what part are we disposed to take in the glorious enterprise? As the representatives of a portion of this

church, we know well, that men will gather their opinions of her from our spirit and conduct. Vain will it be, to expect them to give ear to the just claims of our Zion, if we manifest not the spirit of Christ. With primitive order should be conjoined primitive *zeal* and *love*. We must be true to our principles, if we would have them understood and appreciated. The Lord give us grace to "adorn in all things the doctrine of God our Saviour." Whether we look at the work to be accomplished by the church and by none else, or consider the bearing of her revival upon the immortal interests of multitudes, or regard the salvation of our own undying souls, what cause have we to engage with intense emotion in the prayer, "Return we beseech thee, oh God of Hosts; look down from heaven, and behold and visit this vine, and the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch which thou madest strong for thyself. So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name. Turn us again, oh Lord God of Hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved!"

# ADDRESS

To the Clerical and Lay Members of the 52nd. Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Delaware.

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY: The occasion of our present meeting is one of more than ordinary interest. For myself, it would augur great insensibility, when called upon to deliver my first address to the Convention of the Diocese over which the Holy Ghost hath made me overseer, not to be deeply affected with the solemnity and responsibility of my new duties. And I cannot err in supposing that the complete organization of a diocese, which, from its formation, more than half a century since, has been without a Diocesan of its own, will awaken emotion in your breasts; and that you come to participate in our present councils with augmented interest.

Before proceeding to the consideration of the usual subjects of an Episcopal address, some preliminary remarks seem appropriate. The want of the superintendance and services of a Bishop of your own has been supplied, as far as circumstances permitted, by the kind and gratuitous services of the Bishops of Pennsylvania and Maryland, particularly of the former. On the part of the Rt. Rev. H. U. Onderdonk especially, has the aid needed by this portion of the church, been most cheerfully and faithfully rendered. By his unwearied industry he has been enabled, by his kindness and solicitude for the welfare of the church, disposed, to add to the weighty charge of his own extensive diocese, the performance of Episcopal offices in this state. I am confident that you will all unite with me in expressing our sense of the value of his gratuitous and willing labours, and the indebtedness of the Diocese to his long continued care and oversight.

The action of your last Convention held at Georgetown, May, 1841, placed him who now addresses you in a most trying and difficult situation. A call wholly unexpected, from a portion of the church to which he was personally a stranger, broke in upon the quiet tenour of parochial engagements, and imposed upon him the necessity of deciding one of the most serious and important questions which can be presented to the mind of a minister of Christ. Before venturing to determine it, it seemed incumbent upon me to visit my brethren, who had honored me with such a mark of their confidence, and

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KENSEY J. STEWART,
Rector of Spring Hill and Stepney Parishes, Md.

From the following Churches no reports were received; Grace Church, Brandywine; St. Luke's Church, Seaford; Christ Church, Laurel; St. John's, Little Hill.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention, be and are hereby tendered to the Wardens and Vestry of St. Peter's Church, for the use of said Church; and to the citizens of Smyrna, for their kindness and hospitality, extended to its members, during its present session.

There being no further business before the Convention, the members united in singing the last four verses of the 99th Psalm, and, after Benediction by the Bishop, adjourned *sine die*.

ALFRED LEE,
Bishop of the Diocese, and President of the Convention.

Attest, JAMES F. WILSON, Secretary.

## STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, That this Convention be held alternately in each County in this State, at such place as the Convention shall annually appoint. *Passed at Convention* 1831.

*Resolved*, That in all elections the votes of a majority of all the members present—or if voting by orders, of a majority of all present of the respective orders shall be necessary to a choice.

*Passed at Convention* 1837.

*Resolved*, As the sense of this Convention, that the ante-communion service ought to be used in all the churches; and the clergy hereby engage to use the same. *Passed at Convention*, 1838.

*Resolved*, That hereafter at future Conventions of this Diocese, members of the Standing Committee and Delegates to the General Convention, shall be elected by ballot, on the afternoon of the first day of the Convention, and that the candidates for those offices shall be named in the forenoon session of the same day, by any member of the Convention nominating such candidates, *viva voce*.

*Passed at Convention*, 1842.

## STANDING COMMITTEE, ELECTED MAY 1843.

Rev. S. W. Presstman, Hon. G. B. Rodney,
Rev. J. W. McCullough. Wm. T. Read, Esq.

## DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION, ELECTED MAY 1843.

Rev. S. W. Presstman,
Rev. J. W. McCullough,
Rev. W. E. Franklin,
Rev. J. H. Tyng,
} Of the Clergy.

Col. S. Paynter,
Gen. R. Mansfield,
Wm. T. Read, Esq.
Moses Bradford,
} Of the Laity.

## MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

The Right Rev. ALFRED LEE, D. D., Chairman.

Rev. J. W. McCullough,
" J. H. Tyng.
} Of the Laity.

J. W. Thomson, M. D.
E. H. Thomas, Esq.
} Of the Laity.

## COMMITTEE ON ESTABLISHING A BISHOP'S FUND.

Rev. J. H. Tyng, Hon. C. S. Layton,
Hon. James Booth, Col. S. Paynter,
Dr. J. W. Thomson, Wm. T. Read, Esq.
Gen. Richard Mansfield.

## COMMITTEE ON THE CANONS.

Right Rev. ALFRED LEE, D. D., Chairman.

Rev. S. W. Presstman, Hon. C. S. Layton,
" J. H. Tyng, Charles G. Ridgely, Esq.

## COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

Right Rev. ALFRED LEE, D. D., Chairman.

Simon Spearman, Esq. E. W. Gilpin, Esq.
Edward Wootten, Esq.

Treasurer of the Convention and of the Missionary Committee, EVAN H. THOMAS, Esq., Wilmington.

Secretary of the Convention, JAMES F. WILSON, M. D., Wilmington.

*DR.* *EVAN H. THOMAS TREASURER OF THE*

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| 1842. | | |
| May 25, | To sundry contributions from members of St. Andrew's church, Wilmington, towards a special object, - - - - | $25 00 |
| | To Convention dues, viz: | |
| | From Trinity Church, Wilmington, - - | 5 00 |
| | " St. Ann's church, Middletown, - | 5 00 |
| | " Grace church, Brandywine, - - | 5 00 |
| | " Prince George's, Sussex county, - | 5 00 |
| | " Christ church, Milford, - - | 5 00 |
| | " St. Peter's church, Lewes, - - | 5 00 |
| | " St. Matthew's church, Cedar Creek, - | 5 00 |
| | " St. Peter's church, Smyrna, - | 5 00 |
| | " St. Paul's church, Georgetown, - | 5 00 |
| | " St. George's chapel, Sussex, - | 5 00 |
| | " St. Andrew's church, Wilmington, - | 5 00 |
| | " St. James' church, Staunton, - | 5 00 |
| | " Immanuel church, New Castle, - | 5 00 |
| June 9, | " St. Ann's church, Middletown, for the use of Bishop Lee, - - - | 15 00 |
| Aug. 23. | " Immanuel church, New Castle, to be appropriated to the use of Bishop Lee, the sum of - - - - - | 50 00 |
| | | $155 00 |

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| May 25. | By balance due Treasurer at this date the sum of - - - - | | $26 14 |
| | " cash paid sexton of St. Andrew's church, attendance on convention, per receipt, | No. 1. | 2 00 |
| | " cash paid Dr. J. F. Wilson, Secretary of convention, account allowed, per receipt, - - - | " 2. | 6 00 |
| | " cash paid E. A. Wilson, for printing Journal, Convention 1841, as per account, receipt, - - - | " 3. | 25 00 |
| May 31. | " cash paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Lee, under a resolution of the Convention, per receipt, - - - | " 4. | 25 00 |
| Aug. 4. | " cash paid ditto, a further payment under said resolution, per receipt, the sum of - - - | " 5. | 20 00 |
| Aug. 30. | " cash paid ditto, a further payment under resolution of the Convention, per receipt, - - - | " 6. | 50 86 |
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Errors excepted.

EVAN H. THOMAS,

Wilmington, May 1843. *Treasurer.*

## APPENDIX TO TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The following sums were received by the Treasurer during the sittings of Convention.

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| From Trinity church, Wilmington, - - - | $5 00 |
| " St. Andrew's church, Wilmington, - - | 5 00 |
| " St. James' church, Staunton, - - - | 5 00 |
| " St. Ann's church, Middletown, - - - | 5 00 |
| " St. Peter's church, Smyrna, - - - | 5 00 |
| " Christ church, Milford, on account - - | 1 00 |
| " St. Peter's church, Lewes, - - - | 5 00 |
| " St. Matthew's church, Cedar Creek, - - | 5 00 |
| | 36 00 |

PAYMENTS BY TREASURER :—

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| Dr. J. F. Wilson, Sec'y., account allowed, - | 8 00 | |
| G. Hopkins, account allowed, - - - | 2 00 | |
| Edwin A. Wilson, in part of account allowed, - | 26 00 | |
| | | 36 00 |

The following sums are due from the churches named.

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| Immanuel church, New Castle, 1843, | - | - | 5 00 |
| Grace church, Brandywine, 1843, | - | - | 5 00 |
| Christ church, Milford, balance, 1843, | - | - | 4 00 |
| St. Paul's church, Georgetown, 1843, | - | - | 5 00 |
| Prince George's church, Dagsboro', 1843, | - | - | 5 00 |
| St. George's chapel, Sussex county, 1843, | - | - | 5 00 |
| Christ church, Laurel, 1842, 1843, | - | - | 10 00 |
| St. Luke's church, Seaford, 1842, 1843, | - | - | 10 00 |
| St. John's church, Little Hill. | - | - | 5 00 |
| St. Thomas' church, Newark, | - | - | 5 00 |
| | | | 59 00 |

Christ church, Dover, no payment since June, 1833.

# A SERMON

*Delivered in St. Luke's Church, Seaford, Sussex County, Delaware;*

ON THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION, MAY 28, 1843;

AT THE

# CONSECRATION OF ST. LUKE'S CHURCH,

AND ORDINATION OF MR. JOHN LONG

TO THE ORDER OF DEACONS,

BY ALFRED LEE, D.D.,

*Bishop of the Diocese of Delaware.*

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ship, is obvious, both from the similarity of their object, the adoration of the same God, in the same holy manner, and from the sentiment recorded in St. Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians. He is reproving them for their scandalous abuse of the Lord's supper; and one of his expressed reasons for rebuke, is their contempt thus manifested for the sacred edifice, the place, whatever it might have been, in which they assembled for public worship and christian ordinances. "What! have ye not houses to eat and to drink in, or despise ye the church of God?" (1) Doubtless these examples of divine proceeding are founded upon the highest wisdom, and are intended to afford us the fullest benefit in our religious duties. The connection of sacredness in our minds, with the place appropriated to the service of the Supreme, will tend to solemnize our thoughts, fix our attention, and enliven our devotion. Although we witness not now visible tokens of the presence of God, although no cloud fills his tabernacle, yet will faith apprehend "the Lord in his holy temple," claiming possession of that which hath been dedicated to his service. It is ready to exclaim with the patriarch—"How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." (2) It looks in humble expectation for the fulfilment of the promise—"In all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee;" (3) and rests thankfully on the gracious words of the Saviour, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (4) If we are suitably affected, brethren, by the circumstance of this house being publicly set apart to the service of the Most High God, and apprehend by faith his peculiar presence, in answer to the prayers offered, shall we not, in deeper humility, more solemn awe and more fervent devotion, bow down before him; and shall we not listen with more meekness and submissiveness to that "engrafted word which is able to save our souls?" And if we call to mind the Saviour's severe rebuke of those, who carried their ordinary business into his Father's courts, shall we not guard diligently against the intrusion of idle thoughts, when we come into the pre-

(1) 1 Cor. xi: 22 (2) Gen. xxv[illegible] [illegible]dus xx: 24 (4) Matthew xviii: 20

sence of the Lord, and strive to leave the world and all its cares behind?

II. Another important solemnity of this day, is the ordination of our brother to the sacred ministry. This cannot but be a matter of deep interest, to those who look upon the ministry as instituted by Christ himself, with a promise of his continued presence and assistance "even unto the end of the world;" who understand its object, as an instrumentality for the spiritual and eternal benefit of men, and who view the ministerial trust as having been transmitted in uninterrupted succession from the days of the apostles until now.

It is probably well known to those who hear me, that our views, respecting a scriptural and authorized ministry, are regarded by many around us as peculiar and objectionable. Our church is daily denounced, in no measured terms, by those who call upon the name of our common Lord, and towards whom we would cherish no feelings but those of kindness. Never was there a time when reproach was heaped upon us more unsparingly than at present. A wide prejudice is awakened against us as bigotted and exclusive, and against the church to which we adhere, not from motives of caprice, or mere hereditary attachment, or party-spirit, but from "conscience toward God."

At one time we hear her charged with formality, and want of spiritual life. We have reason enough, God knoweth, to mourn our deficiencies and short-comings, and far be it from us to cloak our sins.—But we feel bound to protest, that however justly the charge may be preferred against individuals, nothing is more opposed to the whole spirit and tenor of the teachings and devotions of the church herself. There may be formal Churchmen, as there are uncharitable or dishonest Christians, the name being as applicable to the one as to the other, and no more so; but is the blame in either case, to attach to their religion or to themselves? Sometimes our church is accused of Popish tendencies, although it would seem enough to dispel such calumny, to advert to the fact, that the men who fought the battle of the English Reformation, threw off the usurpations of the Roman See, and gave their bodies to be burned for Protestant truth, were Bishops, ministers

and members of the church. Where, in the annals of our father land, are the martyrs to Romish cruelty to be found, except among her sons? And where are the most complete exposures of the unsoundness and anti-christian perversions of the Romish body, but in the writings of her champions? Neither can we forbear to notice, among the hostile demonstrations of the present day, an attempt to excite prejudice against her as unfriendly to the republican institutions of our land; and this, in face of the historical fact, that many of the patriots of our revolution, including him who is styled the father of his country, lived and died within her fold. But I forbear farther enumeration of such accusations. Nor do I mention them now with the least wish to excite unkind feelings, on the part of any of my hearers, toward those who may have originated, or given them countenance. God forbid that any spirit of resentment should be aroused in our breasts, or that we should be tempted ever to "render railing for railing." May we never forget that we profess to be disciples of Him, "who, when he was reviled, reviled not again." We are willing to make large allowance for the effect of early prejudices, the want of information respecting the true principles of the church, and ignorance of the testimony of the word of God concerning them. But the fact itself, is so marked in the present aspect of our times, that it cannot but force itself occasionally upon our attention. And we conceive it to be the simple exercise and declaration, of the authority conveyed to the church for the commissioning of her ministry, which is the true source of much of the hostility manifested against us. Not that our views in this respect are peculiar. In holding to a ministry of three orders, bishops, presbyters and deacons; to the first alone of whom is committed the power of ordaining men to the sacred office; in maintaining the succession of this ministry from the apostles downward, and in believing it a matter of conscience to recognize those only who are thus ordained, as our pastors; we are only acting upon the opinion, the unanimous opinion of the christian church, for the first fifteen hundred years of its existence. We agree with the great majority of those who call themselves Christians, throughout the world, at this very time. It is not therefore a new or strange doctrine.

Neither do I think that the hostility to which I have alluded, can be properly imputed to obtrusiveness on the part of the ministers of the church, in the setting forth of their opinions. So far as my observation extends, they confine themselves to the instruction of their own flocks. That they should teach those, over whose spiritual interests they watch, the principles of the church, should endeavour to inform their minds as to the reasons upon which their attachment to their household of faith should rest, would certainly seem to come within their sphere of duty. That the ordinary style of our preaching is of a controversial or hostile character, I unhesitatingly deny. I can appeal, as an humble minister of the church, to those who have listened to me in various places, and ask, what have been my usual topics of discourse? I trust that the clergy of this diocese will, as a body, always be remarked for preaching "Christ and him crucified;" that their great object will ever be, so to hold up the Saviour that sinners may be drawn unto him, so to instruct the disciple, that he may "grow in grace" and live "as becometh the gospel."

But I fear that our great offence in this matter, is our adherence to what we believe the divinely appointed order of ministers in the church of Christ. And although the assertion of this truth may be unpalatable to those who have causelessly broken off from this ministry, we are no more warranted thereby in concealing or renouncing it, than any other truth or doctrine which some have chosen to discard. Shall we keep back, for instance, the Godhead of our Saviour, because there are those called Unitarians, who look upon him as a created being? Must we reject the scriptural statements of the eternal perdition of the ungodly, because the Universalist will not admit them to be true? Must we hesitate to aver, that "by grace we are saved through faith," because the moralist relies for salvation upon his own good works? It is equally vain therefore to bring against us a charge of uncharitableness, because our convictions are equally decided respecting the proper form and ministry of the church of Christ. That there is some colour of probability in our opinions would appear from the fact that many of the most learned, reflecting and pious of the ministry of other bodies, have been led,

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were in the different Churches thus governed, two other or-
of ministers, the first, presbyters or elders, "who laboured in
ord and doctrine," and were the ordinary stated pastors of the flock. Such were the seventy commissioned by our Lord. And again, there was the order of Deacons, the institution of which is recorded in the sixth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. One of their peculiar duties was to take care of and distribute the alms of the Church, and they seem to have been first appointed with a view to relieve the apostles especially from this portion of their labours; but this was by no means their principal and most important charge. We find the martyr Stephen, one of this number, publicly maintaining the truth in Jerusalem, and Philip preaching Christ in Samaria and other cities. They were also authorized to *baptize*. This we perceive from the example of the same Philip, baptizing his converts at Samaria and the Ethiopian eunuch. They were thus a part of the ministry, and directions are given to Timothy respecting their proper qualifications, as particu-

(1) Titus i. 5.

lar, as those relative to the eldership. And we further learn that the deacons generally were looking forward to being made presbyters in the Church. "For," saith the apostle, "they that have used the office of a deacon well, purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness" (that is, freedom in preaching,) the faith which is in Christ Jesus."(1) This then was the Scriptural arrangement of the ministry, this the disposition of their several functions. Not a single instance can be produced of ordination to the ministry, except by the Apostles, or those to whom they had communicated the Episcopal office. The gift that was in Timothy he had received "by the putting on of hands" of the apostle Paul. (2) The things which he had heard of Paul, he was authorized to "commit to faithful men who should be able to teach others also." (3) The office which he held was intended therefore to be successively transmitted. Was then this organization of the Church and its officers to be merely temporary? Was it supposed that men of generations to come would be better acquainted with "the things pertaining to the kingdom of God," than those who were instructed by our Lord himself, and who enjoyed the full inspiration of the Holy Ghost? When these "wise master-builders" have laid the foundation, are we at liberty to build upon any other? Is there any intimation given us in the Scriptures, that the Apostolic institution was designed only for that age? May we conclude that regulations of this kind were simply the private judgment of the Apostles, and not binding upon the Church in ages to come? Nay, saith the apostle Paul, "*God hath set some in the Church,*" (4) (*not man* you observe,) "first apostles, secondarily prophets" (that is, preachers of the gospel, which is the common signification of the word in the epistles,) "thirdly, teachers, (such as we suppose the deacons to have been,) "after that miracles;" and then different kinds of miraculous gifts are enumerated.

Although the language of the Scriptures is, we conceive, plain enough to carry conviction to the unprejudiced mind, and such as we should not think of attempting to confirm by human authority, yet it

(1) 1 Tim. iii. 13. (2) 2 Tim. i. 6. (3) 2 Tim. ii. 2. (4) 1 Cor. xii. 28.

may be well to adduce the opinions of some eminent men upon this subject, for the information of those who profess at the present day to hold them in high respect. The Rev. John Wesley declares "I believe the Episcopal form of Church government to be Scriptural and apostolical." (1) "Our Lord gave this *commission, (viz. of administering the sacraments)* only to the apostles, and their successors in the ministry." (2) "We believe it would not be right for us to administer, either baptism or the Lord's supper, unless we had a commission so to do from those Bishops, whom we apprehend to be in a succession from the Apostles."(3) When questioned himself, by what authority he preached the gospel—his answer was, "By the authority of Jesus Christ, conveyed to me by the (now) Arch Bishop of Canterbury, when he laid his hands upon me and said, 'Take thou authority to preach the gospel,' &c. (4) Dr. Adam Clarke, in his commentary on the Epistle to Timothy, expresses an opinion equally decided upon the subject. "Episcopacy," saith he, "in the Church of God is of divine appointment, and should be maintained and respected." "As the Deacon had many private members under his care: so the presbyter or elder had several deacons under his care; and the Bishop several presbyters. Deacon, presbyter and Bishop existed in the apostolic church; and may therefore be considered of *divine origin.*" (5) Agreeing in these sentiments with Wesley and Clarke, we feel ourselves as much bound to adhere to the apostolic ministry, as to any other divine appointment, and we repeat, that the first reason which we give for clinging thereto, is our desire to submit in all things unto the word of God. If it was the duty of the early Christians to recognize this ministry, according to the injunction, "obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls;" (6) we conceive it to be equally our duty now. We do not fancy ourselves wiser than these inspired men; we cannot believe that the institutions of the Church, any more than the doctrines of the gospel, are to be modified by the varying opinions, caprices and pre-

(1) Vol. v. p. 416. (2) Vol. x. p. 57, Works, N. Y. Edn. 1827. (3) Vol. ii. p. 74. (4) Vol. 8, p. 273. (5) On 1 Tim. iii. 13. (6) Hebrews xiii. 17.

judices of men; and in "contending earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints," we do not feel that we are at liberty to abandon any portion of the inestimable trust.

A *second reason* which we give for our adherence to this ministry, is that we find no other in *the primitive church*, nor until a comparatively recent period. We have authentic histories of the early church, for the centuries which elapsed from its institution, before Popery set up its false pretensions; of the church universal, occupying widely different regions of the globe. And we find, whatever other differences might exist, with regard to the ministry and the mode of its transmission, a perfect uniformity. So strong is the testimony to the existence of Episcopal government in the universal Church, as early as the second century, that many, who have been engaged in controversy against it, have been forced to admit the fact, and have attempted to account for it, by supposing a revolution, effected by the arts of ambitious men, in the government of the church. But when we ask for the evidence of a change so vast and extensive, they produce not a particle. It must have taken place then, not many years after the Apostle John was laid in his grave, over the greater part of the then known world, at the same time, without a whisper of opposition or controversy reaching our ears concerning it. Countries entirely remote from each other, and with scarcely any intercourse, witnessed in the same age this remarkable transformation; and not only received these ambitious intriguers as their spiritual governors, but acknowledged further that such had been always their mode of church government, and submitted to have fictitious lists of successive bishops since the first planting of their Churches, palmed upon them. And what, we ask, was an ambitious man to gain by holding the chief office in those poor and persecuted churches? Nothing, but to be the first victim of heathen rage; to be led foremost, as a sheep to the slaughter. A bishoprick was in those days the most effectual passport to martyrdom. Is this imagined revolution then, in the primitive church, effected without the least remonstrance that we know of, and for no apparent object, since a little brief authority could hardly be deemed, by

aspirants however ambitious, a recompense for the flame and the cross; is it credible? But unless it be implicitly received, there is no escape from the conclusion that the government then existing in the Church had come down from the apostles. And every age, as it brings to light new facts, increases the evidence upon this point. The ancient Syrian church in India had remained unknown to the Christian world, until visited by Dr. Buchanan about forty years ago. There can be no doubt of its extreme antiquity and apostolic origin. Its government and ministry are episcopal. The condition of the Nestorian churches of Asia has been still more lately brought to light. The independant mountain Nestorians were quite unknown, until visited by Dr. Grant, a Presbyterian missionary, within a few years past. He supposes, from their entire seclusion, that they have remained unaffected by political revolutions and other changes, and that their own tradition, which attributes their origin to the apostles Thomas and Bartholomew, is well founded. They also are living witnesses for the same truths.

We know of but two arguments which can, with any plausibility, be alleged against these proofs, which, you will observe, are not theories but facts. Sometimes we are told, (as if it were a discovery of our opponents,) that the bishops spoken of in the New Testament were only elders. Certainly, we answer, we did not suppose those, to whom this name is there given, to be aught else. It is not the particular *name* that we look for in the New Testament, but the *thing*. The reason of the change of appellation is given to us by early writers, who inform us that out of respect to the immediate Apostles of Christ, the title of Apostle was confined to them, and that of overseer or bishop, which had formerly been shared by the second order of the ministry, was appropriated exclusively to the first.

Again we are told, that the succession of ordained ministers comes to us through the church of Rome, and must have been so corrupted by this channel of transmission, as to have lost all value. We answer, that the succession is derived to us through the British Church, and we admit that there was a period of this church's history, during which it

was brought under the usurped dominion of Rome, and drawn away by this untoward influence from the simplicity of the gospel. But we would ask the objector, through what channel he receives the *Bible* and the *Sacraments*. Have they lost their value by coming to us through this impure medium? If not, why should the ministerial succession become worthless and contemptible from the same cause? Is the humble penitent, who comes in faith to Baptism and the Lord's Supper, defrauded of the expected blessing by the unworthiness of the officiating minister? If, in the view of the Searcher of hearts, he is really a hypocrite, are those who receive the divine pledges at his hand, therefore not in covenant with the Most High? God forbid! you will answer, that the hypocrisy of a minister, which we can know nothing of, should thus interrupt the blessing of heaven. In these ordinances we come to Christ. The grace which we seek is from Christ. Man is but the instrument of conveying it. His unworthiness, if he be unworthy, cannot hinder it. And we render the same answer to the same objection. The ministerial commission is received from Christ, at the hand of those whom he has delegated for its transmission.

3. We have another reason for clinging steadfastly to our church and ministry, upon which, if time permitted, we might enlarge much, but to which we can now barely advert. That reason is, the obligation which we feel resting upon us to preserve, as much as in us lies, the *unity of the body of Christ*. We cannot but mourn over the divided and distracted state of our Lord's earthly kingdom. We grieve to see divisions, strifes, emulations and heresies multiplied and still multiplying. We observe each sect in turn, which hath broken off from the primitive church, rent and torn by internal schisms. Altar is raised against altar, and partizan efforts for aggrandizing particular bodies have usurped the place in religion of zeal for the glory of God, and love for the souls of men. We cannot but attribute these manifest evils to causeless separations from the original church and ministry of the gospel. We fear to be involved in the responsibility of perpetuating such a state of things. We can see no remedy but in a return to

primitive order, and to the ministry originally authorized. "Thus saith the Lord, stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." (1) To this voice we cannot refuse to hearken, and we feel constrained by our love for Christ, our longings for the unity of "the church which is his body," whatever imputations we are obliged to bear for the avowal of our belief in this matter, we feel constrained to walk in the time-honored paths of Apostolic usage.

To a share in this ministry, you, my brother, are to be this day admitted. Divine strength will you assuredly need to bear its burdens, divine grace to fulfil its duties. A life of self-denial and labour for the cause of Christ is before you, but you may apply in faith to unfailing sources of consolation and support. The Lord knoweth that we have not traced the ministerial commission to its high origin, from any desire to exalt ourselves. We feel that such convictions should act powerfully in making us humble, watchful and prayerful, bearing in mind what is expected of stewards. Remember that you are to be "the servant of all for Jesus' sake." "Let that mind therefore be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." Then shall your labours "not be in vain in the Lord." And may "the God of all grace" so enable you to perform the duties of your ministry, and so to preach his holy word, that "when the chief Shepherd shall appear, you may receive the crown of righteousness that fadeth not away." And may those among whom you exercise your ministry, so profit thereby, that their souls "may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus." And unto his holy name, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be ascribed all power, might, majesty and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

(1) Jeremiah vi: 16,

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OF THE

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# LIST

Of all the Ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church Canonically resident in the Diocese of Delaware, May 29th, A. D. 1844.

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Rt. Rev. ALFRED LEE, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington.

The Rev. George Allen, Professor in Delaware College, Newark.

" " Corry Chambers, Principal of the Wilmington Literary Institute.

" " Walter E. Franklin, Rector of Prince George's Church, Dagsboro', St. Peter's, Lewes, and St. George's Chapel.

" " George W. Freeman, D. D. Rector of Immanuel Church, New Castle.

" " John Long, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Seaford, Christ Church, Broad Creek, and St. John's, Little Hill.

" " John W. McCullough, Rector of Trinity Church, Wilmington.

" " John L. McKim, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, Christ Church, Milford, and St. Matthew's, Cedar Creek.

" " John V. E. Thorn, residing at Carlisle, Pa.

" " James H. Tyng.

In conformity with Canon 1. Section 1.

ALFRED LEE,
Bishop of the Diocese of Delaware.

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# LIST OF LAY DELEGATES:

Certificates of whose election by their respective Churches, were presented and approved.

*Wilmington*, St. Andrew's Church—Aquila Pritchard, James F. Wilson, M. D.

*Wilmington*, Trinity Church—Moses Bradford, Jeremiah W. Duncan.*

*New Castle*, Immanuel Church—William T. Read, Nathaniel Wolfe.*

*Staunton*, St. James' Church—Jacob Whiteman, Gustavus A. Justis.

*Newark*, St. Thomas' Church—Benjamin Gibbs.

*Middletown*, St. Ann's Church—Gen. Richard Mansfield, Peregrine Hendrickson.

*Smyrna*, St. Peter's Church—George W. Cummins, Nehemiah Stockly.

*Milford*, Christ Church—Hon. Caleb S. Layton, William Burton, M. D.

*Georgetown*, St. Paul's Church—Edward Wootten, James M. Rench.

*Lewes*, St. Peter's Church—Col. Samuel Paynter, Robert Burton,

*Cedar Creek*, St. Matthew's Church—Joshua G. Baker, Nehemiah D. Welch.

*Seaford*, St. Luke's Church—James Stuart, Washington M. Gibbons.

*Indian River*, St. George's Chapel—James S. Baylis, Thomas W. Burton.

*Little Hill*, St. John's Church—George W. Hearn, William B. Cannon.

*Absent.

The following Churches were not represented:—Grace Church, Brandywine Hundred; Christ Church, Laurel; Prince George's Church, Dagsboro'; and Christ Church, Dover.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

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St. Peter's Church, Lewes, May 29th, 1844.

This being the day constitutionally appointed, for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Delaware, the Right Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, with a number of Clerical and Lay Delegates, assembled in St. Peter's Church, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Bishop having taken the Chair, the Convention proceeded to organize.

The Secretary being absent, William T. Read, Esq., was appointed Secretary, pro. tem.

A list of the clergy entitled to seats in this Convention was called over by the Secretary, when the following gentlemen answered to their names:

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| Right Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D. | Rev. John Long, |
| Rev. Walter E. Franklin, | " John W. McCullough, |
| " George W. Freeman, D. D. | " John L. McKim. |

The Rev. J. W. McCullough and General Mansfield were appointed to receive and examine the certificates of the Lay Delegates. Of the list of Lay Delegates reported by the Committee as duly elected, the following gentlemen answered to their names and took seats in the Convention, viz:

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| Aquila Pritchard, | Peregrine Hendrickson, |
| James F. Wilson, M. D. | George W. Cummins, |
| Moses Bradford, | Nehemiah Stockly, |
| William T. Read, | Joshua G. Baker, |
| Jacob Whiteman, | James S. Baylis, |
| Gustavus A. Justis, | Thomas W. Burton, |
| Benjamin Gibbs, | George W. Hearn, |
| Gen. Richard Mansfield, | William B. Cannon. |

The Convention now being fully organized, proceeded to the election of a Secretary. The Rev. Dr. Freeman and Aquila Pritchard

were appointed tellers, who reported the present incumbent duly elected, —Whereupon the Chair declared Dr. J. F. Wilson, Secretary to the Convention for the ensuing year.

The Treasurer's account was presented and referred to a committee of three for examination. The Committee consists of Col. Paynter, B. Gibbs, and G. W. Cummins, who were also directed to enquire into the state of the Convention Fund, and report to-morrow.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to meet again immediately after divine service.

A large congregation having assembled, the Order for daily Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Freeman, assisted in the Lessons by the Rev. J. L. McKim. The Sermon was preached by the Bishop. After the ordination of the Rev. John Long to the Priesthood, the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. J. W. McCullough, administered the Holy Communion.

The Congregation was then dismissed, and the Convention called to order by the Bishop.

The Rev. Corry Chambers, and Messieurs Layton, Wm. Burton, Wootten, Rench, Paynter, Stewart, Gibbons and Robert Burton, not present at the organization of the Convention, appeared and took their seats.

On motion, Moses Bradford was appointed to receive the Annual contributions to the Convention Fund.

On motion, the standing resolution adopted at the Convention of 1842, requiring candidates for the Standing Committee and Deputies to the General Convention, to be nominated on the morning of the first day of the Convention, was suspended until this afternoon.

The Rules of Order contained in the Journal of the last Convention, were then read by the Secretary, and adopted as the rules of order of this Convention.

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# RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with prayer.

2. When the President takes the chair no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall with due respect, address himself to the president, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.

7. If a question in debate contains more parts than one, any member may have the same divided into as many questions as there are parts.

8. While the president is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.

9. Every member, who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

10. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded; and reduced to writing, when required.

11. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before anything new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.

12. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

13. When the house is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the president leaves the chair.

14. The Journals of the Conventions shall be published by the Secretary, under the supervision of the Bishop, and a copy sent to each member of the Convention.

15. The charge or sermon, when delivered by the Bishop before the Convention, shall be published by the Secretary, under the supervision of the Bishop; and one copy sent to each Clergyman, and ten copies to each Vestry in the Diocese.

16. The foregoing rules of order shall be deemed and considered the rules of order of all future conventions, until altered or rescinded; and the same shall be published in the journal of each Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

St. Peter's Church, Lewes, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The Bishop took

the Chair and the roll was called by the Secretary. Nehemiah D. Welch, a Lay Delegate from St. Matthew's Church, Cedar Creek, appeared and took his seat.

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THE BISHOP THEN DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING

# "ADDRESS

To the Clerical and Lay Members of the 54th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Delaware:

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY: Amid the interchange of kindly feelings and congratulations which our present assemblage, under the permission of a gracious Providence, calls forth among us, I cannot err in believing that every heart has felt the mournful vacancy which the past year has made in our numbers. The prominent part which has been taken in the deliberations of this body for the last twenty years, by our lamented brother, the Rev. Stephen W. Presstman, must of necessity recall him vividly to our minds, as we again meet at our Annual Convention. It would be, I feel, quite superfluous for me to dwell at length upon the character of our departed yokefellow, as might be proper among those who knew him not. You have had abundant opportunity to appreciate his generous spirit, his warm attachment to the church and unfeigned solicitude for its welfare, and his uniform kindness and courtesy of deportment. The interests of this diocese lay nearer to no heart than his, and I am persuaded that his bereaved family, as well as the parish wherein he ministered, have received the fullest sympathy under their heavy affliction from every churchman within the limits of our State. It is gratifying to me to announce that Immanuel Church, New Castle, has, after a brief interval, obtained the services of the Rev. G. W. Freeman, D. D. as their Rector.

One of my first Episcopal acts after the adjournment of the last Convention was the Ordination, on Trinity Sunday, June 11th, in St. Andrews's Church, Wilmington, of Mr. Edmund P. Brown to the order of Deacons. Mr. Brown, before leaving the Diocese, officiated occasionally in several parishes.

On the 21st June I attended the meeting of the Board of Missions in the City of Boston. My sense of the indispensableness of the mis-

sionary work to the growth and prosperity of the Church at home, and of its importance as the means of extending the kingdom of Christ and thus blessing the souls of men of other kindreds, has made me feel it a duty, at some sacrifice of convenience, regularly to attend the sessions of this body. That there should have been want of interest in its operations or diminution in its receipts at any time, should be cause of shame and regret to those who value the Gospel and the Church. Our own diocese has been generously assisted during the year past. Three of our clergymen, having the charge of nine congregations, are now missionaries of the Board. The debt of gratitude thus incurred ought not to be forgotten. May the seed thus sown yield a rich harvest in the gathering in of souls into the fold of Christ, as well as in the return made on our part to the treasury of the Board. I take this occasion to record my belief in the prudence, economy, and sound judgement with which our Missions, both Domestic and Foreign, are conducted. Our executive committees and officers are fully entitled to the confidence of the Church, and I cannot but think, if the real good accomplished by our Missionary agency were fully appreciated, there would be a ready and adequate response to the calls which it of necessity makes for aid.

On the 30th June, I attended the commencement of the Gen. Theological Seminary, in St. Peter's church, New York, and delivered the Sermon before the graduating class and students, a duty which devolves upon the Bishops of the Church in course. In the month of July, I visited the counties of Kent and Sussex, preaching in all the churches and administering in several the rite of Confirmation. A similar visitation was made in the month of November. During the latter, on the 3rd Nov., I had the pleasure of consecrating St. John's church, Little Hill. The revival and prospering condition of this parish, is among the most gratifying events to be recorded in our Diocesan annals of the past year. The affection for Zion which had been there so long discouraged and repressed by her desolations has fervently manifested itself, and connected with it, (and the connexion, brethren, should be inseparable,) a deep feeling of the importance of a personal interest in the Gospel of Jesus has been exhibited. On the 16th July, I administered there the rite of Confirmation, the first time of its performance in that church, to 18 persons. At my autumnal visit, on the Lord's day after the consecration, Nov. 5th, the same holy rite was administered to 28 persons, some of whom were from Christ church, Broad Creek. The Lord's Supper was administered by me

on the same day, assisted by the Rector, to about 30, many of whom came forward for the first time to the sacred table. The services of the Convocation, continued for three days, were attended in spite of inclement weather, by a numerous and truly engaged congregation. The missionary laboring among them has great reason for gratitude at so speedy and abundant a recompense of his care and toil. That like harvests are not reaped by our other missionaries, is not, as I can testify, to be in any degree imputed to the want of faithful, laborious, and self-denying efforts on their part. St. John's has been fitted up with much neatness for the services of the Church, by the active exertions of the congregation and of friends from abroad, among whom, if I felt myself at liberty to mention names, I could hardly omit that of one whose heart is always alive to the claims of the destitute portions of the church in Delaware.

On Sunday, July 30th, I signified to the congregation of St. Andrew's church, Wilmington, my acceptance of the call received to be their Rector. The reasons which I gave to the Convention in my last address, for assuming the charge of that parish for a year, apply equally to the more permanent connexion since formed.

On Sunday, August 20th, I preached at the "Old Swedes church," belonging to Trinity parish, Wilmington. It is gratifying to observe the neat and convenient style in which this venerable relic of by-gone days has been fitted up for divine service.

On Thursday, August 24th, at the request of the Vestry, I laid the Corner-stone of St. Thomas' church, Newark, assisted by several of the clergy of the Diocese. A very substantial edifice has been since erected, through the more than ordinary liberality of the friends of the enterprise, and has advanced nearly to completion. The parish has deferred any arrangement for the procural of pastoral services until the church-building shall be ready for use.

On Sunday, Sept. 3d, I performed in Immanuel Church, New Castle, assisted by Rev. Mr. McCullough, the affecting duty of committing to the tomb the remains of our lamented brother, the Rev. Mr. Presstman, in the sure hope of a resurrection to eternal life.

In the month of January, 1844, I was summoned to the city of New York, to attend the meeting of a committee appointed at the last General Convention, on the Standard Prayer-Book; and in the month of March was also called to attend at Burlington, New Jersey, the meeting of two committees appointed by the Board of Missions.

In the month of April, I made another visitation of the churches in

Sussex and Kent, and held the annual Confirmations in New Castle County. The aggregate of services performed for the Diocese during the year has been as follows. I have preached in Grace church, Brandywine, twice; at Du Pont's mills, once; at Naaman's creek, Brandywine Hundred, once; in Trinity church, Wilmington, eight times; at the New Castle county Alms House, four times; in Immanuel church, New Castle, 5 times; in St. James church, Staunton, 3 times; in St. Ann's, 4 times; in St. Peter's, Smyrna, 5 times; in Dover 3 times; in Christ church, Milford, 5 times; in St. Matthew's, Cedar creek, 3 times; at Milton, twice; St. Paul's, Georgetown, 6 times; St. Peter's, Lewes, 5 times; at Long Neck, 3 times; at St. George's chapel, 4 times; at Millsboro', 4 times; in Prince George's, Dagsboro', twice; St. John's, Little Hill, 6 times; Christ church, Broad creek, 3 times; St. Lukes, Seaford, 5 times—in all (exclusive of St. Andrew's, Wilmington, omitted on account of its being my parochial charge,) 84 times. Without the Diocese 16 times.

Miles travelled on Episcopal duty within the Diocese, 1257.

The number of persons confirmed during the conventional year is as follows:

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| In Trinity church, Wilmington, | 18 |
| St. Andrew's " | 10 |
| Immanuel church, New Castle, | 2 |
| St. Ann's, Middletown, | 5 |
| St. Peter's, Smyrna, | 1 |
| Christ church, Milford, | 1 |
| Georgetown, (private confirmation,) | 2 |
| Prince George's, Dagsboro', | 5 |
| St. George's chapel, | 1 |
| St. Peter's, Lewes, | 2 |
| St. John's, Little Hill, (one privately,) | 47 |
| For Christ church, Broad creek, | 6 |
| In St. Luke's, Seaford, | 8 |
| Total—upon 19 occasions, | 103 |

The Holy Communion administered in nearly all the churches.

Baptisms.—Adult, 3. Infant, 6.

At the opening service of this Convention the Rev. John Long was ordained by me to the priesthood, the clergy present all uniting in the imposition of hands.

Clerical changes during the year have been as follows:—Received

into the Diocese, Dec, 28th, 1843, Rev. George W. Freeman, D. D., with letter dimissory from the Bishop of New Jersey: January 8th, 1844, the Rev. John L. McKim, with letter dimissory from the Bishop of Pennsylvania. Dismissed, Rev. Edmund P. Brown, Deacon, to the Diocese of Georgia; the Rev. John Reynolds, and the Rev. William H. Trapnell, to the Diocese of New Jersey.

The Rev. John Reynolds has resigned the parishes of Christ church, Milford, and St. Matthew's, Cedar creek. The Rev. Corry Chambers has resigned St. James' church, Staunton. The Rev. Walter E. Franklin has resigned St. Paul's church, Georgetown, and entered upon the charge of St. Peter's, Lewes, and St. George's chapel, in connexion with his former parish, Prince George's, Dagsboro'. The Rev. John L. McKim has accepted the Rectorship of St. Paul's church, Georgetown, Christ church, Milford, and St. Matthew's, Cedar creek. The Rev. John Long has charge of St. John's church, Little Hill, and Christ church, Broad creek, in connexion with St. Luke's church, Seaford. Mr. Long and Mr. McKim have been appointed, upon my nomination, missionaries of the Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions. The Rev. James H. Tyng has just resigned St. Ann's church, Middletown, and St. Peter's, Smyrna. Grace church, Brandywine, St. James' Staunton, St. Thomas', Newark, St. Ann's, Middletown, and St. Peter's, Smyrna, are without a minister.

The number of candidates for holy orders at present belonging to the Diocese is *three*, viz: Mr. Thomas D. Ozanne, from Nov. 20th, 1841. Mr. Joseph Newton Watson, (admitted Oct. 3rd, 1843.) Mr. Jacob B. Smith, (whose name was withdrawn by himself, November 22d, 1843,) re-admitted May 25th, 1844.

Among the subjects of importance which will come before you at this time, are the final question upon the adoption of the new constitution, approved by the last Convention and published in their Journal, and the report of the committee to whom the present Canons of the Diocese were referred, with directions to inquire and report what changes therein may be deemed expedient.

The past year has been marked by more than ordinary agitation within our Church. Questions of deep interest have been strenuously debated, and doctrinal points which had been for some time past in dispute, have become involved with the practical working of our ecclesiastical system. Having been an attentive and anxious observer of the discussion, and having sought to form my own opinions thereupon, under a sense of the great responsibility of my office, I do not

feel at liberty to withhold from my diocese the free expression of those opinions. The views put forth by certain divines of the University of Oxford have been gradually matured into a theological system, sufficiently well defined to allow of its being spoken of as a whole, and identified, although not invidiously, with its prominent authors. I have always been reluctant, as I think you will bear me witness, to present controversial subjects to the people of my Diocese, and so long as they were only subjects of theological discussion should have felt at liberty to refrain from noticing them. If I now speak more fully, it is solely the effect of a strong conviction of imperative duty. This conviction has been greatly confirmed by the fact that this system has been with much zeal and boldness urged upon the members of the Church, as the real meaning of its standards. Much pains have been taken by periodical and other publications, both in England and in this country, to represent distrust of this system, or opposition to it, as indicative of a spirit uncongenial with the doctrines of the Church, and no little art and ingenuity have been manifested in the various methods by which it has been sought to give it acceptance and currency. For one I am not disposed to acquisce in these assumptions, and must unlearn much of what I have always been taught to consider the true doctrines of the Church ere I can adopt them. What I now desire is to express my decided view of the system itself, not feeling called upon, at this time and place, to make any remarks upon events which have transpired in other dioceses, although I am not prepared to concede the right so to do.

I will then call your attention for a moment to some of the peculiar features of the system in question, warranting me, as I conceive, in regarding it as among those "erronous and strange doctrines, contrary to God's word," which a Bishop, by his consecration vow, is required to "be ready to banish and drive away from the Church, and both privately and openly, to call upon and encourage others to do the same."—Of these it will be sufficient for my present purpose to refer very briefly to some of the most striking.

1. Among the most objectionable is the assertion of the principle that "Scripture and tradition taken together are the joint rule of faith," that "Scripture is but the document of appeal, and catholic tradition the authoritative teacher of Christians," that "God's unwritten word" can be authenticated and is in the writings of the Fathers, and "must necessarily demand from us the same reverence as His written word."

With these startling assertions it will be sufficient simply to compare our VIth Article of Religion.

"Holy Scripture containeth all things necessary to salvation, so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man, that it should be believed as an article of the Faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation." Surely in the face of this Article, we have reason for saying that the doctrine of this school is directly opposed to that of our Church, upon this most important and fundamental subject.

2. That "we are justified, or accounted righteous before God, for the merit of our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith only," is positively asserted by our XIth Article. But this most precious truth seems virtually discarded, nay, by some writers of this school, is stigmatized as "a Lutheran Heresy." Our justification, according to their teaching, is by our own inherent righteousness, and by the Sacraments.

3. The doctrine concerning the Sacraments I conceive to be equally removed from the standards of the Church, and equally propense toward those of another Communion. They are exalted into the exclusive channels of grace. Baptism is represented as "the only period of absolute cleansing from sin this side of the judgement," and those who fall into sin after Baptism, are left by this system in a very doubtful and distressing state. "There remains for them only the baptism of tears, to be obtained with much fasting and many prayers." In the Lord's supper great stress is laid upon a sacrifice, representative of that of Christ, and the change contended for in the elements, (wherein, and not in the heart of the faithful receiver, the presence of Christ is placed) seems other than spiritual, and fairly open to many of the charges brought against the tenet of transubstantiation.

4. Reserve in communicating religious knowledge, especially the doctrine of the atonement, is recommended. Christ crucified is to be no longer the great theme of the preacher. How much more wise and prudent these teachers than the Apostles!

5. Not only are the peculiar doctrines now advocated dangerously assimilated in many respects to those of Rome, but the position has been expressly assumed, and an elaborate tract written to sustain it, that the decrees of the Council of Trent, the authorized exposition of the Romish Doctrine, may be harmonized with our Protestant Articles. Upon this point remarks the Bishop of Exeter: "I hardly need to say, whether true or false, that it involves the whole question between us and Rome. Those decrees combine, avowedly combine, the

whole system of Romish doctrine peculiarly so called. They compose the Shibboleth of Rome. Too much care therefore cannot be used in warning every member of our own Church, especially, I may be allowed to say, after recent unhappy experience, the younger of our clergy, against all approach to so unhallowed and fearful a conjunction."*

I might go on with the enumeration of other departures from that Faith for which the Church contended so earnestly at the Reformation. But my purpose is not to give any detailed exposition of the subject, but simply to notice some of the most prominent features of a system, of which I feel bound to express my unqualified disapprobation, and the true bearings of which ought to be apprehended by every intelligent member of the Church, at the present day. That any should be found, in our Protestant Communion, so little to prize the deposit of sacred truth handed down to us by those who resisted unto blood, is cause for grief and surprise. That all, who have expressed an opinion favourable to the teachers referred to, are prepared to receive their views entire and unqualified, I neither assert nor suppose. I doubt not that the plea so strenuously put forth, that they are in the main steadfast champions of church principles, and that this is the secret of opposition to their writings, together with a not very distinct understanding of the magnitude of the errors incorporated with their teachings, have induced many, whose minds sincerely revolt at the corruptions of Romanism, to regard them with a measure of favor. But the allegation that important and correct principles are mingled with these pernicious sentiments, or that their authors and advocates are men of blameless life and exemplary piety, ought not to influence our judgement of the things themselves. I confess I have not been able to discover what important and valuable truth they have brought to light of which we were before ignorant. In every false system moreover, by which men have been misled, some truth has found place, and "there is scarcely any error of doctrine, however dangerous or extravagant, which has not been held by persons of unquestioned piety and irreproachable conduct."†

It cannot, therefore but be an occasion of great thankfulness to those who cordially assent to the Church as it now is, and who have no desire to see it "*unprotestantized*," that the system of opinions referred to has been met with the general, I might almost say unanimous, con-

*Charge to the clergy of the Diocese of Exeter, 1842.
†Bp. of London's charge, 1843.

demnation of the Bishops of England and Ireland. One of the most conspicuous of its propounders admits in a recent publication, that, "since 1841, the Church has in various ways and through various of her organs taken a side, and that the Protestant side, in a number of questions of the day." (*)

That such opinions can ever widely prevail throughout our own branch of the Church is not, I confidently believe, to be apprehended. One evil consequence which we must for a time suffer, is the identification in the public mind of scriptural and important principles, always maintained by the Church, with these errors. It cannot be expected that many, out of our Communion, will discriminate very carefully between the veritable and the unsound. Too well-disposed are many to strengthen themselves in prejudices previously entertained to be at the trouble to form a candid judgement; and hence it is not surprising that strong efforts should be made by those unfriendly to the Church, to fix these opinions upon her.

In connection with these sources of disquiet within the Church, is to be remarked an increased measure of opposition and attack from without. A warfare has been carried on against us, remarkable for the bitterness displayed and misrepresentation employed, as well as for the union in it of men who might be supposed superior to the use of such weapons. These attacks do seem to me in great measure unprovoked. They can hardly be set down to zeal against the false opinions above referred to, for they have been by no means chiefly directed against the supposed advocates of these opinions, which churchmen have been the first and most earnest to expose and repel. That the Church has anything to fear from such hostile efforts, none of us believe. The attention thus drawn to her institutions cannot fail in the end to assist her progress. And it is well worthy of grateful remark, how little that progress has been affected by the discussions which have been going on within, and the assaults so unceasingly made from without. That the former have had some unfavorable influence in retarding our growth, especially in the weaker dioceses, I must believe. Still I cannot doubt that the passage of our noble vessel, safe and unharmed, through storms and perils that would have dashed in pieces a fabric less firmly compacted, will conduce in the end to the enlargement of Zion and the glory of Christ. But that which becomes all who love the Church, at such a season, is real and deep humiliation

(*)Newman's "Sermons on Subjects of the Day."

before God, the casting down of the pride and self-confidence that have been too much indulged, the ceasing from vain boastings and self-commendation, the cultivation of a spirit of charity and kindness both towards brethren whom we think in error, and towards those who "say all manner of evil against us falsely," and more especially, earnest, persevering, trusting prayer to our Heavenly King, that the light of His countenance may shine upon us, and that He may grant us the priceless blessings of "*truth and peace.*" In view of the approaching and highly important session of the General Convention, what reason is there for supplication to Him "who walketh among the golden candlesticks," for His effectual succor, that His heritage be not put to confusion, but mercifully preserved, and built up in faith, and unity, and godly love. ALFRED LEE.

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The Constitution proposed and approved at the last Convention, was, on motion, called up for final action. The articles were read *seriatim*, and adopted. The question was then taken, on the adoption of the Constitution as a whole. The ayes and noes were called for, and the two orders voted separately. The whole of the Clergy and a majority of the Laity voting in the affirmative, the Constitution was adopted. (*For Constitution see Appendix.*)

The Rev. W. E. Franklin, and Messrs. Read and Bradford, were appointed a committee on unfinished business.

The Bishop, on behalf of the committee appointed at the last Convention to consider what changes were required in the Canons of this Diocese, reported a series of Canons, for the consideration of the Convention.

The first three Canons proposed by the committee, were read in order, and approved.

Pending this Report, it was, on motion, *Resolved*, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the further consideration of the proposed Canons be postponed.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the standing Resolution passed at the Convention of 1842, requiring the Convention to elect the Standing Committee and Deputies to the General Convention, on the first day of its session, be, and hereby is, rescinded.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the election of Standing Committee and Deputies to the General Convention, be the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, and that nominations for the above offices be made to-day.

In accordance with the above resolution, several persons were placed in nomination, as members of the Standing Committee and Deputies to the General Convention.

The following motion was offered to the Convention:

"That the report of St. James' Church, Staunton, for last year be inserted in the Journal of this year."

The above motion was referred to a committee of six, viz: Rev. J. L. McKim, Rev. Dr. Freeman and Rev. J. W. McCullough of the Clergy—W. T. Read, Judge Layton and Gen. Mansfield, of the Laity, which committee was appointed by the Convention.

The Secretary, read to the Convention a Circular, on the subject of "An Indian Mission," which he had received from a committee of the Board of Missions.

On motion, the Convention adjourned.

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St. Peter's Church, Lewes, May 30th, 1844.

At 8 oclock, A. M., the Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The order for Daily Morning Prayer, was read by the Rev. J. L McKim. After which, the Bishop called the Convention to order, and the Secretary called the roll. The minutes of yesterday were read, amended and approved.

On motion, it was, *Resolved*, That Clergymen or candidates for Holy Orders, in the Protestant Episcopal Church, not entitled to vote in this Convention, who may be present, be, and hereby are, invited to attend the sittings of the Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, to enquire if there are vacancies, and to nominate candidates, as Trustees of the General Theological Seminary. The committee are the Rev. Dr. Freeman, Wm. T. Read, and W. Burton, M. D.

The Missionary Committee of the Diocese, made the following report, which was accepted.

*The Missionary Committee of the Diocese of Delaware beg leave to render to the Convention their Annual Report:*

The Committee have received during the year concluded, as appears by the report of their Treasurer the following contributions, viz: From

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| St. Andrew's church, Wilmington, | $124 44 |
| Trinity " " | 85 86 |
| Immanuel " New Castle, | 70 00 |
| St. Ann's " Middletown, | 28 50 |
| St. Peter's " Smyrna, | 12 23 |
| St. Paul's " Georgetown | 9 16 |
| St. Peter's " Lewes, | 3 33 |
| St. George's chapel, | 3 69 |
| Prince George's, Dagsboro', | 1 94 |
| St. Luke's church, Seaford, | 2 00 |
| St. John's " Little Hill, | 1 50 |
| Christ Church, Milford, | 50 |
| | $343 15 |

By this statement it appears that the amount contributed scarcely varies from that of the year preceding. There has been however an increase of contributing churches, four more having evidenced their interest in the cause.

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| Of the amount forwarded there was appropriated by the donors to the aid of churches within the diocese, | 61 00 |
| To the Foreign Committee of the General Board, | 54 61 |
| The remainder, including sums not specially designated, was forwarded to the Domestic Committee of the Board, viz: | 212 60 |
| Balance since received and in the Treasury, | 14 94 |
| | 343 15 |

The Committee have not as yet felt warranted by the funds remitted to them in employing a Missionary besides those appointed by the Domestic Committee of the Board. But there is a fair promise of usefulness and speedy increase of the Church, if a Missionary, under their direction, could labour in the upper part of the State, and the Committee hope that the ensuing year will enable them to make a beginning in a work so important. But they also hope that if this be done, it will not involve the necessity of any diminution of the amount heretofore remitted to the General Board, whose important aid has been so freely extended to our necessities, and has proved as a fertilizing shower upon our waste places. Let but every member of the church, old or young, do something, let an offering however moderate be laid upon the Lord's altar by every hand, and a sincere and fervent prayer for the success of the good work ascend from each heart, and there can be no doubt of more prosperous times for Zion.

ALFRED LEE, JAMES W. THOMSON,
J. W. McCULLOUGH, E. H. THOMAS.
J. H. TYNG,

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The committee appointed at the last Convention, "to enquire into the condition of any property, real or otherwise, belonging to, or supposed to belong to any church in this Diocese," made the following report which was read, and on motion laid on the table.

The Committee appointed by a Resolution of the last Convention "to enquire into the condition of any property, real or otherwise, belonging to, or supposed to belong to any church in this Diocese, now or formerly existing, and to report to

the next Convention what measures, if any, it may seem necessary for the Convention to adopt in the premises," beg leave to report:—

That the only property that has claimed the attention of the Committee, is the glebe belonging to Christ Church in Dover. This property has been for a number of years in the care of Henry M. Ridgely, Esq., who has kindly acted as trustee for the same. The Church to which it is attached has been burdened with a debt for repairs, which, the trustee informs the Committee, is now paid off, and furthermore the trustee expresses to the Committee a wish to be released from the trust. The Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That this Convention appoint a trustee to take charge of the glebe belonging to Christ Church, in Dover, and apply the income or revenue arising from the same in such manner as the Convention may hereafter direct.

ALFRED LEE, SIMON SPEARMAN,
E. W. GILPIN, EDWARD WOOTTEN.

May 27, 1844.

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Nine o'clock, having arrived, the Convention proceeded to the order of the day—the election of the Standing Committee and Deputies to the General Convention.

The Rev. Messrs. McKim and Long, of the Clergy, and Messrs. Stockly and Wootten, of the Laity, were appointed tellers. The names of the persons placed in nomination as members of the Standing Committee, were then read. The tellers reported the election of the following gentlemen,

Rev. G. W. Freeman, D. D.
" J. W. McCullough,
" J. L. McKim,
} Of the Clergy.

Hon. G. B. Rodney,
W. T. Read, Esq.
} Of the Laity.

Whereupon, the Chair declared the above named persons to be the Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Deputies to the General Convention. The same tellers were appointed.

On the first ballot the two orders concurred in electing,

Rev. G. W. Freeman, D. D.
" J. W. McCullough,
" W. E. Franklin,
" J. L. McKim,
} Of the Clergy.

Col. S. Paynter,
Gen. R. Mansfield,
Moses Bradford,
} Of the Laity.

The chair declared the above gentlemen duly elected.

A second ballot was held for the election of one Lay Deputy, but there was no choice.

On the third ballot, there was no choice.

On the fourth ballot, the two orders concurred in electing W. T. Read, Esq.

The committee to whom was referred the Resolution in relation to the Rev. C. Chambers' Parochial Report, made the following report, which was accepted and the resolution adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Resolution of the Rev. Corry Chambers, submitted to this Convention yesterday, having investigated the subject referred to their consideration, beg leave to report, That it appears to this Committee, that the said Parochial report of the said Rev. C. Chambers was presented to, and read before the Convention, at its last session, and thereby became its property. The Committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:—

*Resolved*, That the said report of the Rev. Corry Chambers, legitimately formed a part of the Journal of the Convention of 1843: that the same ought to have been spread upon the said Journal; and that it be entered in the Journal of the Convention of the present year.

GEO. W. FREEMAN, W. T. READ,
J. W. McCULLOUGH, CALEB S. LAYTON,
JOHN L. McKIM, R. MANSFIELD,

The following is the report referred to.

"*Report from the Rector of St. James' Church, Staunton.*

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| List of Communicants, | 56 |
| Of these, one, who had joined the communion before last Convention, is deceased, | 1 |
| Removed, of old communicants, | 1 |
| Removed, or connected with, and consequently included in the list of other congregations, 7 who joined this communion last year, and 7 who joined since last convention. Total, | 14 |
| Present number, | 42 |
| Of this number, 9 belonged to the communion for some years, 10 joined last year, and 21 since our last convention. | |
| BAPTISMS. | |
| Adults, | 15 |
| Children, | 9 |
| Total, | 24 |
| Confirmations, | 18 |
| Marriages, | 2 |
| Funerals, | 6 |
| The Sunday school, which had been discontinued during the winter, is now in operation. Teachers.—Male, 2; Female, 2. Total, | 4 |
| Scholars, | 44 |
| Collections for the Domestic Missionary Society since our last convention, | $3,25 |
| " for the Foreign Missionary Society, | 3,25 |
| Total, | $6,50 |

It is with great pleasure the Rector reports, that the debt which remained on this church since it was re-built, that is, for about twenty one years, has been paid

since our last convention, notwithstanding the difficulties of the times in pecuniary matters.

The Rector has also, great pleasure in reporting that this congregation, with very few exceptions, *improves in marked attention to the services of the sanctuary*, and he hopes, in all that purity of soul which God requires, in order to bestow on them, "fullness of joy, and pleasures for ever more."

OBSERVATIONS.—The Rector is of opinion that this congregation, with God's assistance, will increase still farther, both in numbers and holy church principles, if supplied with constant church services, and faithful preaching; on the other hand, that this congregation must diminish, both in numbers and in *respect* for the *Church services*, if, at any time, the proper ministerial services are withdrawn, even in part.

CORRY CHAMBERS, Rector,
residing in Wilmington."

The committee on unfinished business made the following report which was accepted.

The Committee on unfinished business beg leave to report: That they find on the records no unfinished business, requiring the action of this house.

WALTER E. FRANKLIN, Chairman.

The Bishop having called the Rev. J. W. McCullough to the chair, the Committee on the Bishop's Fund made the following report, which was adopted.

The Committee, appointed by the Convention of this Diocese at its session in 1842 and 1843, to consider of, and report some efficient plan for the establishment of a Bishop's Fund; having had that subject under consideration, beg leave to report, That the following be adopted as one of the Canons of this Diocese, viz:

CANON XIII.

"It shall be the duty of the Wardens of every Parish to collect at the rate of fifty cents, annually, for each member communing therein, to be remitted semi-annually together with such voluntary contributions as may be made for the same object, to the Treasurer of the Missionary board, subject to the Bishop's order."

CALEB S. LAYTON,
On behalf of the Committee.

On motion, the unfinished business of yesterday, being the consideration of the proposed Canons, was taken up.

Pending this the Convention adjourned, to meet again immediately after Divine Service.

The Litany was read by the Bishop. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Freeman.

The Convention was called to order by the Bishop. The Secretary read from the Journal of the last General Convention, the proposed alteration in the Institution Office—and also the proposed addition to the Constitution.

The Bishop requested the Convention to release him from the supervision of the publication of the Journal. The 14th rule of order

was accordingly amended, by striking out the words "under the supervision of the Bishop."

The committee, to whom was referred the Treasurer's account and the examination of the Convention Fund—reported the Treasurer's account correct.

*(For Treasurer's Account see Appendix.)*

On motion, The assessment on St. Thomas' Parish, Newark, for 1842 and 3, was remitted.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

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May 30th, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention again assembled. The Bishop took the chair and called the House to order. The Secretary called the Roll. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

On motion, The Convention proceeded to the consideration of the report of the committee on Canons. The Canons were read *seriatim*, beginning with Canon IV., amended and approved. The question was then taken on the amended Canons, as a whole, and the report adopted.

*(For Canons as adopted see Appendix.)*

The Rev. Corry Chambers asked and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session.

The Report of the committee on Church Property, which was laid on the table this morning, was called up, and the resolution proposed by the committee adopted. The committee was continued.

Mr. George W. Cummins was appointed Trustee of the glebe belonging to Christ Church, Dover.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to elect the Missionary and Education committee, called for by Canon IX. The Rev. W. E. Franklin and W. T. Read, were appointed tellers—who reported the following persons to be duly elected, viz: Rev. G. W. Freeman, D. D., Rev. J. W. McCullough, Dr. J. W. Thomson and E. H. Thomas, Esq.

The committee appointed to ascertain the number of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, to which this Diocese is entitled, to enquire if there are vacancies and to nominate candidates, to be presented to the General Convention, to fill those vacancies—report the Diocese to be entitled to two, and nominate to the Convention the Rev. J. W. McCullough and Col. Samuel Paynter.

On motion, Resolved, That the Convention nominate the Rev. J. W. McCullough and Col. Samuel Paynter, for Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

On motion, Resolved, That the next Annual Convention be held in Trinity church, Wilmington, at 9 o'clock, A. M. on the last Wednesday of May, 1845.

On motion, Resolved, That the report of the committee on the Bishop's Fund, adopted this morning, be reconsidered.

The following resolution was then adopted:

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Wardens of every Parish to collect, at the rate of fifty cents, annually, for each communicant therein, to be remitted semi-annually, together with such voluntary contributions as may be made for the same object, to the Treasurer of the Convention for the time being, subject to the Bishop's order, for his own private use.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Christ church, Laurel, St. Luke's church, Seaford, and St. John's church, Little Hill, be released from all monies due, prior to the Convention of 1843.

Messrs. J. G. Baker and N. D. Welch, Lay Delegates from St. Matthew's church, asked and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the session.

On motion, Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to draft, in connection with the Bishop, a report of the state of the Church in this Diocese, to be presented to the next General Convention. The committee are the Rev. G. W. Freeman, D. D., and Rev. J. W. McCullough.

The Treasurer pro. tem. was directed to pay the Sexton of St. Peter's church, Lewes, four dollars, for attendance upon this Convention.

On motion, the reading of the Parochial Reports was dispensed with.

(*For Parochial Reports see Appendix.*)

At the suggestion of the Bishop, the 15th rule of order was suspended.

On motion, Resolved, That 400 copies of the Journal of this Convention be printed and disposed of by the Secretary, in accordance with the resolution of the last convention.

E. A. Wilson's, Wilson & Heald's, and J. F. Wilson's bills were read and allowed.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be, and

are hereby tendered to the Wardens and Vestry of St. Peter's church, Lewes, for the use of said Church; and to the citizens of Lewes, for their kindness and hospitality extended to its members, during its present session.

The minutes of the Convention were then read and adopted.

On motion, Resolved, That after the usual religious exercises, the Convention adjourn, *sine die.*

The members united in singing the last four verses of the 99th Psalm of the selection. Prayer was then offered and the Benediction pronounced by the Bishop, after which, the Convention adjourned *sine die.*

Attest, JAMES F. WILSON, Secretary.

## STANDING COMMITTEE, ELECTED MAY, 1844.

Rev. G. W. Freeman. D. D., Rev. J. L. McKim,
Rev. J. W. McCullough, Hon. G. B. Rodney,
W. T. Read, Esq.

## DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION, ELECTED MAY, 1844.

Rev. G. W. Freeman, D. D.
Rev. J. W. McCullough,
Rev. W. E. Franklin,
Rev. J. L. McKim,
} Of the Clergy.

Col. S. Paynter,
Gen. R. Mansfield,
W. T. Read, Esq.,
M. Bradford,
} Of the Laity.

## MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The Rt. Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D., Chairman, ex officio.

Rev. G. W. Freeman, D. D.
Rev. J. W. McCullough,
} Of the Clergy.

J. W. Thomson, M. D.,
E. H. Thomas, Esq.
} Of the Laity.

## COMMITTEE ON ESTABLISHING A BISHOP'S FUND.

Hon. James Booth, Hon. C. S. Layton,
Dr. J. W. Thomson, Col. S. Paynter,
Wm. T. Read, Esq. Gen. Richard Mansfield.

## COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

Right Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D., Chairman.
Simon Spearman, Esq., E. W. Gilpin, Esq.,
Edward Wootten, Esq.

Treasurer of the Convention and of the Missionary and Education Committee, EVAN H. THOMAS, Esq., Wilmington.

Secretary of the Convention, JAMES F. WILSON, M. D., Wilmington.

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## ...IAL REPORTS.

...T OF ST. ANDREWS' CHURCH, WILMINGTON,
*year ending May 29th,* 1844.

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| Baptized, Adults, | - - - | 6 |
| " Infants, | - - - | 26 |
| " Total, | - - - | 32 |
| Confirmed, | - - - | 10 |
| Communicants—added, | - - - | 41 |
| " Died, | - - - | 1 |
| " Removed, | - - - | 4 |
| " Repelled, | - - - | 1 |
| " Withdrawn, | - - - | 4 |
| " Present number, | - - | 127 |
| Marriages, | - - - - - | 1 |
| Funerals, | - - - - - | 10 |

Catechumens, in Bible classes and Sunday Schools,
Teachers—male, 14 Female, 15—29
Scholars, " 142 " 139—281

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|---|---|---|
| Contributions, | Missionary offerings, | 109,44 |
| | do of Sunday School, | 26,81 |
| | | 136,25 |
| | Episcopal Fund, | 75,00 |
| | Communion Alms, | 63,24 |

Public Services—twice on Sundays—during most of the year on Friday evening—and during Lent on Wednesday morning, and other times.

This church has reason gratefully to acknowledge the prospering hand of the Most High during the year past.

ALFRED LEE, Rector.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF TRINITY CHURCH, WILMINGTON, FOR 1844.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Baptisms, Adults, | - - - | 9 |
| " Children, | - - - | 35 |
| " Total, | - - - | 44 |
| Confirmed, | - - - - | 18 |

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|---|---|---|
| Communicants—according to last report, | - | 156 |
| Died, | - | 4 |
| Removed, | - | 8 |
| Added, | - | 17 |
| Present number, | - | 161 |
| Marriages, | - | 5 |
| Interments, | - | 14 |
| Catechumens (Sunday scholars,) | - | 280 |
| Missionary contributions—Domestic, Foreign, | | 85 86 |
| For the Nashota Mission, | | 8 |
| | | 93 86 |
| Public services—In Trinity church (old Swedes,) | | 3 |
| In Trinity Chapel—on Sundays, | | 104 |
| On other days, | - | 58 |
| At Du Pont's mills on Sundays, | | 24 |
| Total, | - | 189 |

The state of this Congregation is much as it was at the time of the last report. Several families have removed; but others have taken their places.

J. W. McCULLOUGH, Rector.

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REPORT OF IMMANUEL CHURCH, NEW-CASTLE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Adult 1, Infants, 7—Total | - | 8 |
| Confirmed, | - | 2 |
| Communicants, according to last year's report, | - | 45 |
| " Died, | - | 1 |
| " Removed, | - | 1 |
| " Withdrawn, | - | 3 |
| " Added, | - | 5 |
| " Present number, | - | 45 |
| Marriage, | - | 1 |
| Funerals, | - | 2 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, male 6, female 8—total | | 14 |
| " " Scholars, male 53, female 53—total | | 106 |
| CONTRIBUTIONS— | | |
| For Domestic Missions, | - | $60 00 |
| Foreign " | - | 10 00 |
| Sunday School and Parish Library, | - | 49 00 |
| Alms, &c. | - | 44 64 |
| Total, | | $163 64 |
| Public Services—On 26 Sundays, | - | 52 |
| " " On 46 other days, | - | 46 |
| Total, | - | 98 |
| Sermons and Lectures, | - | 84 |

The present Rector entered upon his duties on the first Sunday in Advent, the third day of December last; since which time the church has been regularly opened for divine service, twice on the Sundays, and once on every Friday, on the Wednesdays during Lent, and on all the Holy Days for which special services are prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer. The atten-

dance of worshippers on all these occasions, though not so general as could have been desired, has been, upon the whole, encouraging. The Rector has been in the habit of visiting the Sunday School, and of catechizing the children, "openly in the church," once a month. Of the communicants, reported above as *added*, *three* are from other congregations.

GEO. W. FREEMAN, Rector.

May 29, 1844.

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REPORT OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH, near Staunton.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Communicants added, | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Died, | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Removed, | - | - | - | - | 9 |
| Present number, | | - | - | - | 18 |
| Funerals, parishioners, | | - | - | - | 1 |
| others, | - | - | - | - | 7 |
| Sunday School, Male Teachers 3, Scholars | | | | - | 31 |
| Female do 4 do | | | | - | 31 |
| Total, | - | 7 | - | - | 62 |

This church has been without a Rector since July last—but has been kept open for the public worship of God by lay reading, in which several of the old families have regularly united who wish to keep the congregation in existence until a Clergyman can be obtained in connexion with St. Thomas', Newark, or some other arrangement. The Bishop has officiated twice and the Rev. Mr. Dupuy of Philadelphia three times.

Contribution to the Episcopal fund, - - - $5,00.

JOHN FOOTE, } Wardens.
JACOB WHITEMAN, }

May 12th, 1844.

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ST. THOMAS' PARISH, Newark.

The Corner-Stone of St. Thomas' Church, Newark, was laid by the Rt. Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D., an the 24th day of August last; and the Church was ready for plastering in December. Since that time nothing has been done to the Church—the materials for plastering are now ready, and we hope to have it plastered by the middle of June.

In addition to the funds now in hand, it will require a further sum of about five hundred Dollars to Pew and furnish the Church in a style corresponding with the rest of the building.

THOMAS BLANDY, } Wardens.
BENJAMIN GIBBS, }

There has been expended, $2,714 30.

May 24th, 1844.

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ST. PETER'S, SMYRNA.

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| Baptised—Adults, | - | - | - | - | 0 |
| Infants, | - | - | - | - | 0 |
| Confirmed, | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Members Communing, | | - | - | - | 5 |
| Added, | - | - | - | - | 1 |

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|---|---|
| Married, | 0 |
| Buried, | 0 |
| Contributions to Missions, | $15 |
| Public Services, | On the usual occasions. |

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REPORT OF ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, Middletown.

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|---|---|
| Baptised—Adults, | 0 |
| Children, | 6 |
| Confirmed, | 5 |
| Members Communing—Added, | 8 |
| do Died or removed, | 1 |
| do Repelled or withdrawn, | 0 |
| do Present number, | 26 |
| Marriages, | 3 |
| Funerals, | 4 |
| Catechumens, | about 12 |
| Contributions to Missions, | $30 |
| Public Services, | On the usual occasions. |

There are no special remarks requiring to be added to this report. This ancient church still enjoys a fair measure of prosperity—and promises long to do so. The present Rector has been able to do the less in its behalf from having been burdened with the additional charge of a School during most of the two years of his connection with it. In now relinquishing this pleasant cure from reasons wholly financial, he leaves (what he trusts also to take) kind recollections and prayers. J. H. TYNG, Rector.

May 26, 1844.

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TO THE RIGHT REV. BISHOP LEE.

REPORT OF CHRIST CHURCH, Milford.

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|---|---|
| Baptized, | 0 |
| Confirmed, | 1 |
| Communicants—Added, | 1 |
| Present number, | 14 |
| Marriages, | 0 |
| Funerals—Parishoners, | 0 |
| Others, | 1 |
| Catechumens, | 0 |
| Collections, | 0 |
| Public Services—on Sundays, | 11 |
| other days, | 2 |
| Total, | 13 |

REMARKS.—My ministration in this Church began in February last. Services here once on every second Sunday. The prospect in this place is far from encouraging. But there may be reason to hope, that if we practice a long continuance of peace and patience, some who have "gone out from us" may return to the "more excellent way."

JOHN L. McKIM.

Milford, May 1, 1844.

To the Right Rev. Bishop Lee.

Report of St. Matthew's Church, Cedar Creek.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Communicants—added, | | 0 |
| | Removed, | 2 |
| | Present number, | 8 |
| Public Services—On Sundays, | | 7 |
| | Other days, | 3 |
| | Total, | 10 |

Remarks: I commenced services in this parish in the month of February. The congregations increase manifestly from week to week, not only in numbers, but in attention to the worship and engagedness in all the exercises of the sanctuary.

JOHN L. McKIM, Rector.

Cedar-Creek, May 1, 1844.

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To the Right Rev. Bishop Lee.

Report of St. Paul's Church, George-Town.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Communicants added | | 0 |
| | Died, | 1 |
| | Removed, | 5 |
| | Present number, | 12 |
| Funerals, | Parishoners, | 1 |
| | Others, | 0 |
| Catechumens, | | 0 |
| | Sunday Schools, | 1 |
| | Teachers, | 6 |
| | Scholars, | 32 |
| Contributions, | | |
| | For Domestic Missions, | $2 50 |
| Public Services, | | |
| | On Sundays, | 11 |

Remarks.—This church has been under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Franklin, until the 1st of February—when the present Rector commenced his ministrations. Services are held here in the morning and afternoon of every second Sunday. The old wooden house of worship was lately removed, and a handsome brick one is now in progress of erection, which will probably be prepared for the reception of the congregation as early as Christmas next.

JOHN L. McKIM, Rector.

George-Town, May 1, 1844.

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Report of the Rector of St. Peters Church, Lewes; Prince George's Church, Dagsboro'; and St. George's Chapel. The Rector of these parishes has passed through the year of which he now makes report with some discouragements attending his labours, but not without indications ofthe favoring presence of God. Death has deprived us of several valuable members, but while we have seen the maintaining power of religion and the grace of God in the time of trial, we sorrow not as without hope, and can cherish the conviction that our loss of some whom God has seen fit to call away, has resulted in their everlasting gain. At the date of my last report, I had charge of Prince George's Church, Dagsboro', and St. Paul's Church, Georgetown. Of the former I still continue in charge. I ceased officiating

in the latter on the fourth of February last, and took charge of St. Peter's and St. George's during the month of November.

In Georgetown.
Preached—Sundays 30 times. Week-days 11.
Communion administered 3 times in Georgetown,
1 Communicant added—since dead.
Confirmed, 2.
Catechism twice.
Baptisms.—1 adult. Collected for Missions $8 38.
In Dagsboro and Millsboro,
Preached—Sundays 40 times. Weekdays 4 times.
Communion administered 3 times.
Communicants.—Last report 12. Died 1. Added 7.
Present number 18.
Baptisms.—Adults 2. Infants 8.
Confirmed, 5.
Collected for Missions, $1 92.

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### St. Peter's, Lewes.

Baptism.—Adult, 1.
Confirmed, 2.
Communicants.—Added 4. Present number 32.
Communion administered 3 times.
Preached.—Sundays 14 times. Week-days 10.
Collection for Missions 3,33.
Sunday school, 10 teachers, 50 scholars.

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### St. George's, Chapel.

Preached.—Sundays 15 times. Week-days, 2.
Baptisms.—Adults, 1. Children, 5.
Confirmed, 1.
Communion administered 1.
Communicants.—Added 2. Present number 21.
Collected for Mission 3,69.

I have also attended 1 marriage, and officiated at 16 funerals, all excepting 1 within the limits of the above parishes. I have also preached in school houses 6 times, at Seaford 4 times, in Laurel 1, Little Hill 2, and Wilmington 3 times.

WALTER E. FRANKLIN.

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*Report of the Missionary in charge of St. John's Church, Little Hill, Christ Church, near Laurel, and St. Luke's, Seaford, Sussex County, Delaware.*

### St. John's.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Babtised—Adults, | - - - - | 2 |
| Children, | - - - - | 12 |
| Confirmed, | - - - - | 47 |
| Communicants—Added, | - - - - | 18 |
| Died, | - - - - | 0 |
| Removed, | - - - - | 1 |
| Present number, | - - - | 17 |
| Marriages, | - - - - | 1 |
| Funerals of Parishoners, | - - - - | 6 |

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|---|---|
| others, | 1 |
| Catechumens, | 42 |
| Contributions, to Dom. Com. of Miss. Society, | $1 50 |
| Public Services—on Sundays, | 22 |
| other days, | 24 |
| total, | 46 |

This Church, which for a number of years remained in an unfinished state, last fall was completed and consecrated, to the joy and delight of the lovers of Zion. God has done much for us, for which we are thankful. The attendance is large; the congregation grows in its attachment to the Church of Christ. This congregation reminds one of the Jews of old, though affected in a different manner. The latter shed tears of sorrow at the building of the second temple; the former tears of joy at the completion of their church. This tear is often seen coursing its way down the cheek furrowed by care and age. Those who have been confirmed, I think are growing in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. God is with us; to his name be the praise.

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### Christ Church.

| | |
|---|---|
| Baptisms—Adults, | 0 |
| Children (colored) | 1 |
| Confirmed, | 6 |
| Communicants, | 9 |
| Added, | 0 |
| Marriages, | 1 |
| Funerals—of Parishioners, | 3 |
| others, | 1 |
| Catechumens, | 30 |
| Public Services—On Sundays, | 26 |
| other days, | 4 |
| total, | 30 |

In this ancient, capacious and interesting Church but a small congregation worships. While in former days the church on every occasion of public worship was well filled, now but a small congregation frequent these hallowed courts. We are led to ask, where is the great congregation? We are answered, some to the grave have gone; others for lack of pastoral care to other folds. But we do not despise the day of small things. Christ is with his Church. We may yet believe that this branch of Zion will rejoice for the multitude of her children, and the greatness of her peace. Our duty is to labor, success cometh from God.

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### St. Luke's, Seaford.

| | |
|---|---|
| Baptized—Adults, | 0 |
| Children, | 6 |
| Confirmed, | 8 |
| Communicants—former number, | 10 |
| Added, | 4 |
| Present number, | 14 |
| Marriages, | 0 |
| Funerals—of Parishoners, | 0 |
| of others, | 1 |
| Catechumens, | 20 |

**DR. EVAN H. THOMAS, TREASURER OF**

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|---|---|---|
| 1843. May 31. | To cash received on account of dues, from the following churches: | |
| | From Trinity church, Wilmington, - - | $5 00 |
| | " St. Andrew's church, do. - - | 5 00 |
| | " St. James' church, Staunton, - - | 5 00 |
| | " St. Ann's church, Middletown, - - | 5 00 |
| | " St. Peter's church, Smyrna, - - | 5 00 |
| | " Christ church, Milford, - - - | 1 00 |
| | " St. Matthews church, Cedar Creek, - | 5 00 |
| | " St. Peter's church, Lewes, - - | 5 00 |
| Sept 18. | To cash received, amount of collection in St. Andrew's church, Wilmington, - - | 5 12 |
| " 25. | " received, amount of collection in Trinity church, Wilmington, - - - | 7 59 |
| Oct 24. 1844. | " amount received from St. Andrew's church, Wilmington, for a special object, - | 75 00 |
| May 6. | " from St. James' church, Staunton, Diocesan fund, - - - - - | 5 00 |
| | | $128 71 |

**THE DIOCESE OF DELAWARE, CR.**

| | | No. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1843. June 1. | By cash paid J. F. Wilson, Secretary of convention, account allowed per receipt, - | 1. | $8 00 |
| | " " paid G. Hopkins, sexton of St. Peter's church, Smyrna, for attendance on Convention, per receipt, - - - | 2. | 2 00 |
| 17. | " " paid E. A. Wilson, part of account allowed, for printing Journals, 1842, &c., per receipt, - - - - | 3. | 26 00 |
| Oct. 24. | " " paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Lee, under a resolution of the Convention, per receipt, | 4. | 75 00 |
| Dec. 5. 1844. | " " paid E. A. Wilson, on account for printing, per receipt, - - | 5. | 10 08 |
| May 6. | " " paid Bishop Lee, under a resolution of the Convention, - - - - | 6. | 5 00 |
| | " balance in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of - - - - - | | 2 63 |
| | | | $128 71 |

Errors excepted.

E. H. THOMAS, *Treasurer.*

Wilmington, May 6, 1844.

Received by Treasurer from M. Bradford, Esq., amount of dues paid at Convention by the following churches.

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|---|---|
| Trinity church, Wilmington, - - - - | $5 00 |
| St. Andrew's church, Wilmington, - - - - | 5 00 |
| St. James' church, Staunton, - - - - - | 5 00 |
| St. Ann's church, Middletown, - - - - - | 5 00 |
| St. Peter's church, Smyrna, - - - - - | 5 00 |
| Christ church, Milford, - - - - - - | 5 00 |
| St. Peter's church, Lewes, - - - - - | 5 00 |
| St. Matthew's church, Cedar Creek, - - - | 5 00 |
| Immanuel church, New Castle—2 years, - - - | 10 00 |
| St. Paul's church, Georgetown, - - - - | 5 00 |
| St. George's chapel, Sussex—2 years, - - - | 10 00 |
| St. Luke's church, Seaford, - - - - - | 5 00 |
| St. John's church, Little Hill, - - - - - | 5 00 |
| St. Thomas' church, Newark, - - - - - | 5 00 |
| Prince George's church, Dagsboro', - - - | 5 00 |
| Balance in hands, May 6, 1844, - - - - | 2 63 |
| | $87 63 |

PAYMENTS BY TREASURER:—

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|---|---|---|---|
| June 3. | Paid Sexton St. Peter's church, Lewes, - | 4 00 | |
| " | Paid Dr. J. F. Wilson, Secretary, - - | 7 75 | |
| " | Paid E. A. Wilson, balance for printing Journals, 1842, - - - - - - | 40 00 | |
| " | Paid ditto, printing pastoral letter of Bishop Lee, - - - - - - - | 18 00 | |
| " | Paid Wilson & Heald, on account, printing Journal of 1843, - - - - | 17 88 | |
| | | | 87 63 |

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## STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, That this Convention be held alternately in each County in this State, at such place as the Convention shall annually appoint. *Passed at Convention* 1831.

*Resolved*, That in all elections the votes of a majority of all the members present—or if voting by orders, of a majority of all present of the respective orders shall be necessary to a choice.

*Passed at Convention* 1837.

*Resolved*, As the sense of this Convention, that the ante-communion service ought to be used in all the churches; and the clergy hereby engage to use the same. *Passed at Convention* 1838.

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Wardens of every parish to collect at the rate of fifty cents annually, for each communicant therein, to be remitted, semi-annually, together with such voluntary contributions as may be made for the same object, to the Treasurer of the Convention, for the time being, subject to the Bishop's order, for his own private use. *Passed at Convention* 1844.

The following is the amount of assessment on each parish in the Diocese for the support of the Episcopate, which is to be remitted, semi-annually, to the Treasurer of the Convention:

| | |
|---|---|
| Trinity Church, Wilmington, | 80 50 |
| St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, | 63 50 |
| Immanuel Church, New Castle, | 22 50 |
| St. Peter's Church, Lewes, | 16 00 |
| St. Ann's Church, Middletown, | 13 00 |
| St. George's Chapel, Indian River, | 10 50 |
| St. James' Church, Staunton, | 9 00 |
| Prince George's Church, Dagsboro', | 9 00 |
| St. John's Church, Little Hill, | 8 50 |
| Grace Church, Brandywine, | 7 50 |
| Christ Church, Milford, | 7 00 |
| St. Luke's Church, Seaford, | 7 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, | 6 00 |
| Christ Church, Laurel, | 4 50 |
| St. Matthew's Church, Cedar Creek, | 4 00 |
| St. Peter's Church, Smyrna, | 3 00 |
| St. Thomas' Church, Newark, | |

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The following table exhibits the sum which each parish is required to contribute to the Convention Fund, in accordance with Canon X.

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|---|---|
| St. Andrew's church, Wilmington, | $15 00 |
| Trinity church, Wilmington, | 15 00 |
| Immanuel church, New-Castle, | 10 00 |
| St. Peter's church, Lewes, | 8 00 |
| St. Ann's church, Middletown, | 6 00 |
| St. George's chapel, Indian River, | 6 00 |
| Grace church, Brandywine Hundred, | 5 00 |
| St. James' church, Staunton, | 5 00 |
| St. Thomas' church, Newark, | 5 00 |
| St. Peter's church, Smyrna, | 5 00 |
| Christ church, Milford, | 5 00 |
| St. Matthew's church, Cedar Creek, | 5 00 |
| St. Paul's church, Georgetown, | 5 00 |
| Prince George's church, Dagsboro', | 5 00 |
| St. John's church, Little Hill, | 5 00 |
| St. Luke's church, Seaford, | 5 00 |
| Christ church, Laurel, | 5 00 |

# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

# PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE

# State of Delaware.

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## ARTICLE I.

*Of acceding to the Constitution, and Canons of the General Convention.*

This Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to, recognizes, and adopts the general Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

## ARTICLE II.

*Of the Meetings of the Diocesan Convention.*

The Annual Convention of this Diocese shall be held on the last Wednesday in May, in each year, at such place as a previous Convention may designate. The time of meeting may be altered, from time to time, by the Convention. And special Conventions may be called by the Bishop, or, if there be none, by the Standing Committee; one month's previous notice being given.

## ARTICLE III.

*Of Members of the Convention.*

The Convention shall be composed of the officiating ministers regularly settled in some congregation in this diocese; and of lay members consisting of two delegates from each congregation, to be chosen by the vestry thereof, or, if there be no vestry, by the congregation. And clergymen canonically resident in this diocese, who are engaged as professors, tutors, or instructors of youth, in any diocesan institu-

tion, or in any college or academy duly incorporated, or general seminary of learning officially recommended by the Bishop of the diocese, or if there be no Bishop, by the Standing Committee, and also missionaries under the ecclesiastical authority of this diocese, and chaplains in the navy or army of the United States, may be members of the Convention: such clergymen engaged in the work of instruction, and chaplains, having been actually and personally resident within this State, for one year next before the meeting of the Convention. The Bishop, and the assistant Bishop when there is one, whether belonging to this diocese, or having charge of it provisionally, shall have a seat and vote in the Convention; and one of them shall preside. If there be none, the Convention shall elect for its president one of the presbyters attending.

No clergyman of advanced years, or infirm health, who has been once entitled to a seat in the Convention, shall lose his right thereto, by reason of having ceased from the active duties of his calling.

## ARTICLE IV.

### *Of a Quorum.*

Two members of the clerical, and six of the lay order, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may adjourn.

## ARTICLE V.

### *Of the deliberations of the Convention.*

In all matters that shall come before the Convention, the clergy and laity shall deliberate in one body: but, if upon any question, it be required by two members, the two orders shall vote separately; (the lay delegation from each parish being entitled to but one vote, when required by the delegates of two parishes,) and the concurrence of a majority of each order shall be necessary to give validity to any measure.

## ARTICLE VI.

### *Of the Secretary of the Convention.*

A Secretary shall be chosen, immediately upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, by a joint ballot, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention. His duty shall be to take minutes of their proceedings, to preserve their journals and records, to attest the public acts of the

body, to publish the annual Journal under the supervision of the Bishop, or presiding officer of the Convention, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Convention, which may be in his possession. He shall transmit annually to each of the Bishops of the church in the United States, and to the Secretary of each diocesan convention, a copy of the Journal. He shall also transmit to every General Convention a certificate signed by himself, containing a list of the clergymen in this diocese, and the amount of funds paid, or secured to be paid, (distinguishing them,) to the General Theological Seminary; and also a like certificate of the appointment of clerical and lay deputies. It shall also be his duty to give at least one month's notice, in one or more newspapers published in this State, of the time and place of holding every Convention, whether stated or special.

When a vacancy occurs, during the recess of Convention, in the office of Secretary; the Secretary of the Standing Committee shall perform the duties of the office, until the next meeting of the Convention.

## ARTICLE VII.

### *Of the opening of the Convention.*

Every Convention shall be opened by the celebration of divine service, and of the Lord's Supper. And it shall be the duty of the Bishop, either to deliver a charge or sermon, or to appoint one of his clergy to preach, at the opening of the Convention. If there be no Bishop, or none having provisional charge of the diocese, the Standing Committee shall appoint the preacher.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### *Of the Standing Committee.*

Before the adjournment of each Annual Convention a Standing Committee shall be appointed, by a concurrent ballot of both orders, which shall consist of three of the clergy, and two of the laity. This committee shall continue in office till the end of the next Annual Convention, or until their successors are duly appointed. In case of a vacancy occurring, by death or otherwise, the remaining members of the committee shall, by ballot, supply the same. The Standing Committee, shall, as soon as may be after their appointment, elect from their own body a president and secretary; and if either of these offices

become vacant, the vacancy shall, without delay, be filled by another election. The president shall be a presbyter.

## ARTICLE IX.

### *Of the Election of a Bishop.*

The election of a Bishop of this diocese shall be made in Convention, in the following manner. The order of the clergy shall nominate and appoint, by ballot, some fit and qualified presbyter for that office; and the votes of two-thirds of that order shall be requisite to constitute a choice: and thereupon, such appointment shall be presented to the order of the lay delegates, and be considered by them; and if, on a ballot, it should appear that the person so nominated be approved of by two-thirds of the lay order, he shall then be declared to be duly elected. And upon a vacancy occurring in the Episcopal Office, in this church, by death or otherwise, such vacancy shall be supplied by an election in the manner before prescribed. No election for a Bishop shall be held, unless there be present at the time three-fourths of all the clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, and delegates from three-fourths of all the congregations in union with the same, and contributing to the Convention fund.

## ARTICLE X.

### *Of the trial of Clergymen.*

SECTION 1. Any Presbyter or Deacon of this Diocese may be presented for trial, for any crime or other offence, as provided in Canon XXXVII, of 1832, of the General Convention.*

SEC. 2. Every such presentment shall be made, in writing, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or in case of a vacancy in the office of Bishop, to the President of the Standing Committee:

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***Canons of the General Convention of 1832.**

"CANON XXXVII.

*Of offences for which ministers shall be tried and punished.*

SECTION 1. Every minister shall be liable to presentment and trial, for any crime or gross immorality, for disorderly conduct, for drunkenness, for profane swearing, for frequenting places most liable to be abused to licentiousness, and for violation of the Constitution or Canons of this Church, or of the Diocese to which he belongs; and on being found guilty, he shall be admonished, suspended or degraded, according to the Canons of the Diocese in which the trial takes place, until otherwise provided for by the General Convention.

SEC. 3. A presentment shall specify with clearness and certainty, the offence or offences charged, and shall be signed by the persons making it.

SEC. 4. A presentment shall be made by a majority of the Vestry, in a Vestry meeting duly convened, of the parish with which the person accused is connected; or if he be not connected with any parish, in which he resides; or if he do not reside within the limits of any parish, of the parish nearest to his place of residence; or by four or more male communicants of the same; or by two presbyters of this Diocese; a presentment being always made by one of the above classes, exclusive of the others; and a Deacon not being permitted to unite in a presentment.

SEC. 5. Upon the receipt of any such presentment, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, if he shall deem it advisable, after consultation with the Standing Committee, or of the President of the Standing Committee, as the case may be, after such advisement, to take measures for trial, and to furnish a copy of said presentment to the accused, giving him notice of the time and place of trial.

SEC. 6. The Bishop shall thereupon summon all the Presbyters of this Diocese, except such as may have presented, to meet at some convenient place within the same, on some day, not less than thirty days after the date of said summons; of which Presbyters, any three or more attending, shall be the Court for the trial of the party accused, to decide upon his guilt or innocence, and if found guilty, to recommend a sentence by a majority of voices.

SEC. 7. A copy of the presentment, and a notice of the summons of the said Presbyters shall be served upon the party accused, at least twenty days before the day appointed for trial, by delivering the same to him personally, or by leaving the same at his place of residence, or his last place of residence in this State, if he have left the same, or cannot be found.

SEC. 8. The judgement of the court shall be delivered to the Bishop, with the records of the trial, and the sentence recommended: and the Bishop may pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided such sentence shall not exceed in severity that recommended by the court of trial; and his sentence shall be final; or, if the Bishop deem it necessary to justice, he may order a new trial, to be held as hereinbefore directed.

SEC. 9. If there be no Bishop, the sentence of the Court shall be submitted to some neighboring Bishop, who may either order a new

trial, or ratify and pronounce the said sentence, which shall then be final.

SEC. 10. Witnesses for the prosecution, and for the defence, at the the request of the party accused, shall be summoned by the said court, for a full and impartial hearing of the whole matter.

SEC. 11. The party accused shall have a right to be present at the trial, and to be heard in his defence; and may avail himself of the aid of counsel.

SEC. 12. The records of all proceedings on the presentment of a clergyman shall, after the final decision, be delivered to the Secretary of the Standing Committee, to be preserved with their papers.

SEC. 13. If the accused be acquitted, the Bishop or President of the Standing Committee, as the case may require, shall give him a certificate of acquittal, embracing a copy of the presentment; and he shall not be subject to presentment again, upon the same charge.

## ARTICLE XI.

### *Of a Clergyman accused by public rumor.*

SECTION 1. Whenever, from public rumor or otherwise, the Bishop shall have reason to believe that a clergyman is under the imputation of having been guilty of any offence or misconduct, for which he is liable to be tried, and that the interest of the Church requires an investigation, it shall be his duty to appoint two presbyters, as a committee of inquiry, to examine into the truth of such rumors or allegations, according to the provisions of Sec. 2, of Canon xxxvii. of the General Convention, of 1832.*

SEC. 2. Should the crime, offence, or misdemeanor, of which said clergyman is accused, be found supported, in whole or in part, upon such inquiry, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, unless upon consul-

* SEC. 2. If any minister of this church shall be accused, by public rumor, of discontinuing all exercise of the ministerial office without lawful cause, or of living in the habitual disuse of public worship, or of the holy eucharist, according to the offices of this church, or of being guilty of scandalous, disorderly or immoral conduct, or of violating the Canons, or preaching or inculcating heretical doctrine, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Clerical Members of the Standing Committee, to see that an inquiry be instituted as to the truth of such public rumor. And in case of the individual being proceeded, against and convicted, according to such rules or process as may be provided by the Conventions of the respective Dioceses, he shall be admonished, suspended, or degraded as the nature of the case may require, in conformity with their respective Constitutions and Canons.

tation with the Standing Committee, he shall deem such finding insufficient, to proceed to take measures for trial, as is provided in Article X. of the Constitution.

## ARTICLE XII.

*Of the admission of new Parishes.*

Any Protestant Episcopal congregation within this State, duly organized, but not in union with the Convention of this Diocese at the time of ordaining this Constitution, shall be entitled to the entire benefit thereof, as soon as they shall signify their ratification of it, either in writing, or by sending lay delegates as members of the Convention; and such congregation shall thereafter be benefitted and bound by every rule or canon which shall be framed by any Convention, acting under the Constitution, for the government of this church in its ecclesiastical concerns.

## ARTICLE XIII.

*Of Ministers, members of Vestries.*

When not forbidden by the charter of any congregation, the presbyter, who is settled as the minister of the parish, shall be a member of the vestry thereof, and, when present, shall preside at its meetings.

## ARTICLE XIV.

*Of the mode in which the Constitution may be changed.*

This Constitution shall be unalterable, except in the following manner: A proposition for any change shall be introduced in writing and considered in Convention, and, if approved of, the same shall be published at large in the Journal of the Convention; and if again approved of in the next ensuing Convention, by a majority of the two orders, voting thereon separately, the change shall take place, and the Constitution so altered shall be valid and obligatory.

# CANONS

OF THE

# PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH;

IN THE

# State of Delaware.

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## CANON I.

*A List to be made of the Clergy.*

SECT. 1. Within one week before the meeting of every Convention of this diocese, the bishop shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a list of all the ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church, canonically resident in this diocese, annexing the names of their respective cures, or parishes, or stations as missionaries, or of the colleges, academies, or general seminaries of learning in which they are engaged, or in regard to those who are not engaged in parishes, missions, or institutions of learning as above mentioned, their places of residence only; distinguishing those who are entitled to seats in the Convention.

SECT. 2. The right of any clergyman of this diocese to a seat in the Convention, shall, if disputed, be determined according to the provisions of the third article of the Constitution, by the Convention itself; whether his name be inserted in the list aforesaid, or omitted.

SECT. 3. If there be no bishop, or none having provisional charge of this diocese, the president of the standing committee shall prepare the said list, and lay it before the Convention.

## CANON II.

*Certificates of Lay Delegates.*

The appointment of a lay delegate to the Convention of this diocese, shall be certified in writing by the rector of the parish of which he is a representative, or by one of the wardens, or by the clerk or secretary

of the vestry of such church: and no other certificate of such appointment shall be allowed or received. And no lay delegate shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention, unless he be eligible to the office of vestryman of the church which he claims to represent.

## CANON III.

### *Of the Treasurer of the Convention.*

SECT. 1. There shall be appointed by the Convention, a treasurer of the church in this state, who shall be a man of good character and responsibility. He shall be removable at the pleasure of the Convention; but, unless so removed, he shall continue in office until a successor is appointed. He shall keep a fair and exact account of all moneys received and paid by him, and shall lay before the Convention, annually, or oftener if required, a full and accurate statement of his accounts. He shall pay no money but by order of the Convention, and shall in all things relating to his office, conform to their rules and directions.

SECT. 2. In case of a vacancy in the office of treasurer, during the recess of the Convention, it shall be supplied by an appointment to be made by the standing committee; and the person so appointed shall continue to act until an appointment is made by the Convention.

## CANON IV.

### *Of Parish Registers and Parochial Reports.*

SECT. 1. Whereas by the XXIXth canon of the General Convention, of 1832, it is made the duty of every minister to keep a register of baptisms, confirmations, communicants, marriages and funerals, within his cure; agreeably to such rules as may be provided by the Convention of the diocese where his cure lies:—it is hereby *ordered*, that the record shall specify the name and time of birth of the child baptized, with the names of the parents and sponsors; the name of the adult baptized; the names of the persons confirmed; the names of all the communicants within his cure as nearly as can be ascertained; the names of the parties married, and the authority under which the rite was celebrated; the names of the persons buried; and also the time when each rite was performed, or each new communicant admitted. These records shall be kept by the minister, in a book to be provided for that purpose by the vestry of each church; which book shall be the parish register, and shall be preserved by the vestry as a part of the records of the church.



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Each minister shall also keep, as far as practicable, a list of all the families and adult persons within his cure; to remain for the use of his successor, and to be continued by him, and by the future ministers of the parish.

SECT. 2. And whereas, by the VIIIth canon of the General Convention of 1841, it is made the duty of each minister to present or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, to the bishop, or when there is none to the president of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages and funerals, and of the number of communicants in his cure, and of all other matters that may throw light on its condition: it is hereby further *ordered*, that in reporting the number of communicants, the minister shall state, besides the whole number at the time, the number of additions, removals and deaths, since the last report.

SECT. 3. The above report shall also mention the number of Teachers and Scholars in Sunday Schools, and other Catechumens connected with the parish—and the amount of contributions for religious and charitable objects, specifying them.

SECT. 4. When a parish is destitute of a minister, the register contemplated by this canon shall be kept by some person appointed by the vestry for that purpose. And the annual parochial report shall be presented or forwarded, as ordered in Sect. 2, by the wardens.

## CANON V.

### *Of the Report to the General Convention.*

A committee of the convention of this diocese shall be appointed at the stated meeting of the same, next before every stated meeting of the General Convention, to draught, with the advice and approbation of the bishop if there be one, a report of the state of the Church in this diocese, to be presented to the General Convention.

## CANON VI.

### *Of Deputies to the General Convention.*

SECT. 1. Deputies to the General Convention shall be chosen by the concurrent ballot of the clerical and lay votes, at every stated Convention of this diocese; and their appointment shall continue until the next stated Convention, or until others are chosen in their places.

SECT. 2. Should any deputy elected discover one month before the meeting of the General Convention, his inability to attend, he shall

notify the President of the Standing Committee of such inability, and it shall be the duty of the Committee to supply the vacancy occurring in this or in any other way, before the meeting of the Convention.

SECT. 3. Should a vacancy occur by death or otherwise, in the deputation to the General Convention, it shall be supplied by the concurrent vote of the remaining clerical and lay deputies, when it shall be practicable.

SECT. 4. Clerical deputies to the General Convention may present an account of their expenses in their travel and attendance, to the Standing Committee, who shall make a reasonable allowance for the same, to be paid by the treasurer of the Convention out of its funds.

## CANON VII.

### *Of Lay Discipline.*

SECT. 1. If a layman repelled from the Holy Communion according to the rubric, shall complain thereof to the bishop according to Canon XLII. of the General Convention of 1832, the bishop (or his assistant bishop), whether belonging to this diocese or having provisional charge thereof, shall, unless he restore him to the communion according to said canon, appoint two disinterested clergymen, and two disinterested laymen who are communicants, to inquire into and try the case. If they report to the bishop that the repelled person should be restored, the bishop shall so direct; and no minister of this diocese shall deny him the Holy Communion. If they report otherwise, or make no report within three months from their appointment, the repulsion shall continue in force.

If this judicatory for the trial of a layman shall be equally divided concerning the guilt of the accused, or the propriety of restoring him to the Communion, they may elect as umpire any other disinterested male communicant in this diocese, whether clerical or lay, and make their report within three months as aforesaid. And at any time after conviction, if the judicatory do not define the term of the repulsion, the bishop (or his assistant bishop), or the minister of the parish being a presbyter, may restore the repelled person to the Holy Communion, according to the rubric.

SECT. 2. Communicants neglecting the Holy Communion or the public worship of the church for the space of six months, without a reason satisfactory to their parochial minister, or leading inconsistent and immoral lives, may, after admonition, be suspended by the minister from the Communion; and if, within a reasonable time there is no

satisfactory proof given of reformation, their names shall be removed from the Parochial Register of Communicants; and they shall be considered as repelled, and notified thereof. Notice is in all such cases to be given to the bishop according to the provision of the rubric concerning repulsion, and the same proceedings may be had as provided in Sec. 1.

SECT. 3. A layman under repulsion from the Holy Communion, if visited with extreme or mortal sickness, may be re-admitted to that ordinance without a trial, or after conviction, if the presbyter attending him deem him truly penitent, and in charity with all men.

## CANON VIII.

### *Of Trials and Penalties.*

SECT. 1. All trials, whether of clergymen or laymen, shall be in public, if the party accused so require, unless the judicatory are of opinion that such publicity will occasion unholy scoffing, and be contrary to edification. When a public trial is refused, the accused may have present any six male communicants of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and the party presenting or prosecuting may have present the same number of other such communicants.

SECT. 2. Witnesses at any trial may, if demanded by either party, be put on oath. Written evidence may be admitted, on either side, the other party having had sufficient notice of the time and place of taking the same, and being allowed to attend when it was taken: and the persons examined for the written evidence may also be put on oath.

SECT. 3. Counsel shall be allowed the accused, if he require it; in which case, the party presenting or prosecuting shall be allowed the same privilege. And every judicatory may have counsel, as they shall desire.

## CANON IX.

### *Of the Missionary and Education Committee.*

SECT. 1. At each Annual Convention there shall be appointed a Committee, consisting of the Bishop of the Diocese, ex-officio, and two clergymen and two laymen elected by ballot, to be called the Missionary and Education Committee, to which shall be entrusted the charge of conducting the operations of the Church in behalf of Missions, Education, and benevolent objects connected therewith. This committee shall elect a Secretary and Treasurer, and report their doings to the next stated Convention.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of every Parish to raise contributions for the purposes designated in the following section, by collection or otherwise, monthly or oftner, which shall be remitted quarterly to the Treasurer.

SECT. 8. The committee shall employ the funds so transmitted to them, in the support of Missionaries laboring within this Diocese, (such Missionaries being always nominated by the Bishop,) or transmit the same, or a portion thereof, to the Domestic or the Foreign Committee of the General Board of Missions; or employ a portion thereof in assisting deserving and indigent candidates for the sacred ministry in their necessary preparation for the same; or in the erection or repair of churches in feeble Parishes, at their discretion. But any Parish or donor may direct the application, wholly or in part, of their contributions, which directions shall be strictly observed.

## CANON X.

### *Of the Convention Fund.*

Each congregation in the diocese shall pay annually the sum of five dollars; and in addition to that sum, each congregation having over twenty communicants and not exceeding thirty, shall pay one dollar; and every congregation having over thirty and not exceeding forty communicants, shall pay three dollars; and every congregation having over forty and not exceeding sixty communicants, shall pay five dollars; and every congregation having over sixty and not exceeding one hundred communicants, shall pay seven dollars; and every congregation having over one hundred communicants shall pay ten dollars for defraying the expenses and charges to which the Convention is liable.

## CANON XI.

### *Of the Vestry of a Church.*

SECT. 1. In every church in this Diocese there shall be an annual election, on Easter Monday, unless some other day be appointed, of a Vestry, consisting of not less than five, nor more than nine members, who shall continue in office till their successors are appointed. Two of these Vestrymen shall be designated at the election to serve as Wardens,—one of whom shall be designated the Senior Warden of the Parish—who, in the absence of the Rector, shall preside at the meetings of the Vestry. In the absence of both, the Junior Warden

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Sec. 3. A presentment shall specify with clearness and certainty, the offence or offences charged, and shall be signed by the persons making it.

Sec. 4. A presentment shall be made by a majority of the Vestry, in a Vestry meeting duly convened, of the parish with which the person accused is connected; or if he be not connected with any parish, in which he resides; or if he do not reside within the limits of any parish, of the parish nearest to his place of residence; or by four or more male communicants of the same; or by two presbyters of this Diocese; a presentment being always made by one of the above classes, exclusive of the others; and a Deacon not being permitted to unite in a presentment.

Sec. 5. Upon the receipt of any such presentment, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, if he shall deem it advisable, after consultation with the Standing Committee, or of the President of the Standing Committee, as the case may be, after such advisement, to take measures for trial, and to furnish a copy of said presentment to the accused, giving him notice of the time and place of trial.

Sec. 6. The Bishop shall thereupon summon all the Presbyters of this Diocese, except such as may have presented, to meet at some convenient place within the same, on some day, not less than thirty days after the date of said summons; of which Presbyters, any three or more attending, shall be the Court for the trial of the party accused, to decide upon his guilt or innocence, and if found guilty, to recommend a sentence by a majority of voices.

Sec. 7. A copy of the presentment, and a notice of the summons of the said Presbyters shall be served upon the party accused, at least twenty days before the day appointed for trial, by delivering the same to him personally, or by leaving the same at his place of residence, or his last place of residence in this State, if he have left the same, or cannot be found.

Sec. 8. The judgement of the court shall be delivered to the Bishop, with the records of the trial, and the sentence recommended: and the Bishop may pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided such sentence shall not exceed in severity that recommended by the court of trial; and his sentence shall be final; or, if the Bishop deem it necessary to justice, he may order a new trial, to be held as hereinbefore directed.

Sec. 9. If there be no Bishop, the sentence of the Court shall be submitted to some neighboring Bishop, who may either order a new

# LIST OF LAY DELEGATES:

Certificates of whose election by their respective Churches, were presented and approved.

*Wilmington*, St. Andrew's Church—J. F. Wilson, M. D., I. R. Trimble.

*Wilmington*, Trinity Church—Thomas M. K. Smith, M. D., Evan H. Thomas.

*New Castle*, Immanuel Church—William T. Read, Nathaniel Wolfe.

*Staunton*, St. James' Church—Jacob Rubencame, Robert Justis.

*Newark*, St. Thomas' Church—Thomas Blandy,* Benjamin Gibbs.

*Middletown*, St. Ann's Church—Gen. Richard Mansfield, Peregrine Hendrickson.

*Smyrna*, St. Peter's Church—Nehemiah Stockly, George W. Cummins.

*Milford*, Christ Church—Manlove Carlisle,* Frederick Owens.

*Cedar Creek*, St. Matthew's Church—John R. Draper, Nehemiah D. Welch.*

*Georgetown*, St. Paul's Church—Joshua S. Layton, Edward Wootten.*

*Lewes*, St. Peter's Church—Col. Samuel Paynter, Robert Burton.

*Indian River*, St. George's Chapel—John E. Parker, James Ponder.*

*Seaford*, St. Luke's Church—James Stuart, Edward W. Taylor, M. D.

*Absent.

The following Churches were not represented:—Grace Church, Brandywine Hundred; Prince George's Church, Dagsboro'; St. John's Church, Little Hill; Christ Church, Laurel; and Christ Church, Dover.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

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St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington,
*May 28th*, 1845.

This being the day constitutionally appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Delaware, the Right Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, with a number of Clerical and Lay Delegates, assembled in St. Andrew's Church, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Bishop took the Chair, and called the Convention to order.

A list of the clergy entitled to seats in this Convention was called over by the Secretary, and the following gentlemen answered to their names:

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| Right Rev. Alfred Lee, | Rev. John Long, |
| " Thomas Billopp, | " John W. McCullough, |
| " Corry Chambers, | " John L. McKim, |
| " John A. Childs, | " Thomas D. Ozanne. |

The Rev. John Long and Joshua S. Layton, were appointed to receive and examine the certificates of the Lay Delegates. Of the list of Lay Delegates reported by the committee, as duly elected, the following gentlemen answered to their names and took seats in the Convention, viz:

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| Isaac R. Trimble, | Frederick Owens, |
| James F. Wilson, | John R. Draper, |
| Thomas M. K. Smith, | Joshua S. Layton, |
| Evan H. Thomas, | Robert Burton, |
| William T. Read, | James Stuart, |
| Nathaniel Wolfe, | Edward W. Taylor. |

The Convention now being fully organized, proceeded to the election of a Secretary. The Rev. J. W. McCullough and Dr. E. W. Taylor, were appointed tellers, who, after examining the ballots, reported the present incumbent to be re-elected—Whereupon the

Chair declared Dr. J. F. Wilson, Secretary to the Convention for the ensuing year.

Jacob Rubencame, Lay Delegate from St. James' Church, Staunton, presented the usual certificate, answered to his name, and took his seat.

The Secretary read the Rules of Order.

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# RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with prayer.

2. When the President takes the chair no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the president, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.

7. If a question in debate contains more parts than one, any member may have the same divided into as many questions as there are parts.

8. While the president is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.

9. Every member, who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

10. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded; and reduced to writing, when required.

11. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before anything new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.

12. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

13. When the house is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the president leaves the chair.

14. The Journals of the Conventions shall be published by the Secretary, under the supervision of the Bishop, and a copy sent to each member of the Convention.

15. The charge or sermon, when delivered by the Bishop before the Convention, shall be published by the Secretary, under the supervision of the Bishop; and one copy sent to each Clergyman, and ten copies to each Vestry in the Diocese.

16. The foregoing rules of order shall be deemed and considered the rules of order of all future conventions, until altered or rescinded; and the same shall be published in the journal of each Convention.

On motion, Resolved, That the Journal of the last General Convention, be referred to a committee to examine whether there be therein any thing requiring the attention of this Convention.

The committee are the Rev. J. W. McCullough, Rev. W. E. Franklin, and William T. Read.

Gen. Richard Mansfield, and Peregrine Hendrickson, Lay Delegates from St. Ann's Church, Middletown, presented the proper certificate, answered to their names, and took seats in the Convention.

On motion, the Convention took a recess for divine service.

The Order for daily Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Billopp, assisted in the Lessons by the Rev. Mr. Childs. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. McKim. The Bishop then proceeded in the Ordination Service, and admitted Messrs. Peter S. Burchan and Samuel D. Denison to the holy order of Deacons. The Holy Communion was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Billopp, Stewart, and Childs.

The Bishop called the Convention to order, and the Secretary called the roll. The Rev. George Allen, Rev. Walter E. Franklin, and Rev. Kensey J. Stewart, and Messrs. Robert Justis, Benjamin Gibbs, Nehemiah Stockly, George W. Cummins, Col. Samuel Paynter and John E. Parker, not present at the opening of the Convention, appeared and took their seats.

The Rev. J. P. Labagh, appointed as a general Missionary to the Jews, appeared in Convention, and was declared by a vote of the

Convention to be entitled to a seat, under the provisions of article III. of the Constitution—Mr. Labagh answered to his name and took his seat.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That Clergymen or candidates for Holy Orders, in the Protestant Episcopal Church, not entitled to vote in this Convention, who may be present, be, and hereby are, invited to attend the sittings of the Convention.

On motion, it was *Resolved*; That the Rules of Order of the last Convention be adopted as the Rules of Order of this Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet again at 3 o'clock, this afternoon.

St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington,
*May 28th, 3 o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The Bishop took the chair and called the Convention to order, and the Secretary called the roll. The minutes of the morning session were read, amended, and approved.

The Bishop then delivered the following Address.

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# ADDRESS

To the Clerical and Lay Members of the 55th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Delaware.

*Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:* The year of official duty which I am now required to review has been one of more than common responsibility, anxiety, and trial to the members of the Episcopate. Their attention has been occupied, to an extent beyond any former year, with the general concerns of the church, involving subjects of the deepest and most painful interest. While so far as our own diocese is concerned there has not been wanting ground for encouragement, other duties to which I have been called have proved a burden heavy to be borne.

Immediately after the close of our last Convention, I visited some of the churches in Sussex and Kent, and have since made two full visitations of the diocese, the one during the autumn of the past year, and the other during the present spring.

In June, 1844, I attended, in the city of New York, the annual meeting of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary and the examinations of the students, and was present at the exercises of the Commencement.

On the Fifth Sunday after Trinity, July 7th, in St. Andrew's church, Wilmington, I admitted to the holy order of Deacons, Thomas Davenport Ozanne of this diocese, and at the request of his Bishop, Edmund Leaf, of the diocese of Pennsylvania.

In July, I was present, by invitation, at the examinations and commencement of the Theological Seminary of the diocese of Virginia. On the 6th Sunday after Trinity (July 14th) in Christ church, Alexandria, I took part in the interesting services attendant upon the ordination of eleven deacons and two priests, by Bishops Meade and Johns. Three of the deacons ordained had previously devoted themselves to the Chinese mission. The fact that so large a proportion of our Foreign missionaries have been trained in this institution, and that so well directed and fervent a missionary spirit has been there fostered, entitles the Seminary to the gratitude and favor of the whole church.

On the 12th September, I attended, in the city of New York, a meeting of the Committee on the Standard Prayer Book. The result of the labors of this committee was submitted to the late General Convention in a printed report, and in a corrected edition of the Prayer-book, which was adopted by the Convention as the future standard.

The month of October was entirely occupied with the public concerns of the church. On the 2d of that month I was present at the opening of the General Convention in the city of Philadelphia, which continued in joint session of the two houses until the 22d at midnight. After the adjournment of the house of Deputies, the house of Bishops still continued in session, as visitors of the General Theological Seminary, transferring their place of meeting on the 30th and 31st to the city of New York. The subjects occupying the attention of our great ecclesiastical council were of a grave and important character. The Convention itself was large beyond any previous assemblage of that body, and remarkable for the eminent character, talent, and station of very many of its members. Among the prominent subjects upon which it definitely acted, were the following.

1. The repeal of Sect. I., of the Canon, "of the Election of Bishops," which allowed a diocese having less than six officiating presbyters to request the General Convention to elect for them a Bishop.

2. The passage of new Canons respecting "The trial of Bishops," and "Episcopal resignations," more full and particular in their provisions. Under one of these Canons the House of Bishops, on the 21st October, accepted the resignation of the Episcopate of Pennsylvania, by the Rt. Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, and under the other, passed upon the said Rt. Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, upon his request for such act of discipline as in their judgment was proper, sentence of Suspension.

3. A Canon was passed allowing an enlarged discretion in the ordination of Deacons under certain limitations. This law permits the ordination of persons who may be competent to serve the Church in this office acceptably and usefully, but who have not been able to attain the literary and theological education heretofore made indispensable, the Bishop having been requested by a resolution of his Convention, to exercise this discretion. The passage of this Canon is an important step toward the restoration of the third order of the ministry as contemplated in our ordination service, and as it existed in the primitive church, which has been almost virtually lost among us. It is eminently calculated to promote the growth and influence of the Church in destitute parts of the land, and I can well suppose circumstances in which it may be exceedingly important to the welfare of this diocese. One of the questions for your present determination, will be as to its adoption among ourselves.

4. Provision was made for the extension of Episcopal labours and oversight to our Foreign Missionary stations, by the ratification of Article X. of the Constitution, and the passage of a Canon "Of Foreign Missionary Bishops." This act was demanded by principles of consistency if we are to labour abroad as a Missionary Church, and must be considered as a solemn pledge given for the permanence of our Foreign operations. We may augur from it under the divine blessing most important and happy results.

5. The Convention acted at once in the carrying out of the provisions of the above law. With gratifying unanimity it elected four missionary bishops. These were, for Arkansas and Texas, the Rev. G. W. Freeman of our Diocese; for China, the Rev. Wm. J. Boone; and for Turkey, the Rev. Horatio Southgate, our well-proved missionaries in those regions; and for Africa, the Rev. Alexander Glennie, of South Carolina. Of these appointments the three first were accepted, and the latter declined. While we may well rejoice in the noble stand thus taken by our highest ecclesiastical body, and congratulate the Church upon the accession made to her Episcopate,

we cannot but sensibly feel the loss, in our own portion of the vineyard, of such a labourer as the Rev. Dr. Freeman. Although his stay among us had been brief, it was long enough to win for him high confidence and warm affection, not within the bounds of his own parish only, but among all to whom he had become known. While the hopes which we had entertained of long enjoying his wise counsels and energetic labours are disappointed, it is our consolation to reflect that an enlarged sphere of usefulness is opened before him by the hand of Providence, and that the choice for a station of great importance could have fallen upon none worthier. The consecration of the three missionary bishops took place in St. Peter's church, Philadelphia, on the 26th of October, upon which occasion I united in the laying on of hands upon the Bishop elect of Arkansas.

6. The Convention ratified the election of the Bishops elect of the Diocese of New Hampshire and Alabama, and at the request of the Diocese of Missouri, elected the Rev. Cicero S. Hawks as Bishop thereof. The consecration of the Rt. Rev. Drs. Chase, Cobbs and Hawks took place in Christ Church, Philadelphia, on Sunday October 22d. The large addition made at this convention, to the number of her chief pastors, is a cheering token that our Zion is lengthening her cords and strengthening her stakes, and gives promise of more sure and solid growth for time to come.

7. The pastoral letter issued by the House of Bishops, as their counsel to the whole church, is always a document of high and permanent importance but invested in the present case by existing agitations and controversies with augmented interest. As one of the body from which it emanated, it may not become me to enlarge upon its tone and contents. But I may be excused for congratulating you, as interested in the doctrinal purity of the Church, upon the unequivocal and decided manner in which it maintains the great truths of the gospel, vindicates the principles of the reformation, and repudiates the insidious errors which had occasioned so much disquiet and alarm.

8. A visitation of the General Theological Seminary by the Bishops, conducted principally by means of written questions addressed to the Professors, which with the replies thereto have been communicated to the Church in the Journal of the Convention.

Upon my return from these engagements I received from the Rev. John V. E. Thorn, a clergyman of this Diocese, a communication "renouncing all authority over him from, and all connection with the

Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Delaware, and in the United States." This communication I submitted to the Standing Committee for their advice thereupon, and was by them informed that in their opinion it was a declaration of his renunciation of the ministry of the Church, within the provisions of Canon 38 of 1832. In conformity with said Canon, I displaced the said Rev. John V. E. Thorn from the ministry, and pronounced the sentence of displacement in Trinity Church, Wilmington, on the 1st November, 1844.

During my autumnal visitation I performed on the 19th November the office of Consecration of St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, erected within the present year. The new edifice, which occupies the site of the old church, is exceedingly neat and commodious.

On the 10th December I obeyed the summons to be present as a member of the Episcopal Court, convened in the city of New York for the trial of the Rt. Rev. B. T. Onderdonk, Bishop of the Diocese of New York, and continued in attendance until the adjournment of the Court on the 3d of January, 1845. The result has been communicated to the Church in the sentence of suspension passed upon the accused from all Episcopal and ministerial functions. As the whole proceedings of this tribunal (through a necessity deeply to be deplored) have been spread before the public, and my own opinion, with the reasons therefor, is embraced in the publication, I may be excused from dwelling, at this time, on so painful a subject.

On the 25th February, I consecrated to the worship of Almighty God, St. Thomas' Church, Newark. The completion of an edifice of such beauty and convenience, by this infant parish, is highly creditable to the energy, liberality and perseverance of its members, and it is not the least gratifying circumstance that the church is free from all incumbrance of debt.

On the 18th of April, letters of dismission were handed to me from the Standing Committee of the Diocese of New York, in behalf of Rev. John A. Childs, already labouring in this Diocese, and of Messrs. Isaac P. Labagh, and David Pise, Jr., Candidates for Orders. The Letters of Dismission were given by the Standing Committee of New York upon their sole authority, without any concurrence or consent of the Rt. Rev. B. T. Onderdonk. An important question being involved in relation to the acceptance of the same, I requested thereupon the opinion and advice of the Standing Committee. The Committee informed me that "after due consideration they are of opinion that the Standing Committee of the Diocese of New York are the Ecclesiasti-

cal authority of that Diocese; that said letters of Dismission are lawfully granted, are in due form, and that they advise the Bishop to accept the same." Acting in conformity with this advice, I accepted the said letters on the 23d April, and received the gentlemen above named into the Diocese.

On Thursday, April 24th, I held an Ordination in Trinity Church, Wilmington, and admitted Messrs. Isaac P. Labagh, and David Pise, Jr., to the order of Deacons. Mr. Labagh has devoted himself to the duties of a Missionary among the Jews, a work for which he possesses peculiar qualifications, and in which he had been previously engaged as a minister of the Dutch Reformed Communion.

At the opening service of this Convention, I admitted to the order of Deacons Messrs. Peter S. Burchan and Samuel D. Denison, candidates for Orders; and also received into this Diocese from that of New York.

A considerable portion of the last three months has been occupied in the performance of Episcopal duties in the vacant Diocese of Pennsylvania, upon the invitation of the Standing Committee of the same. In and for that Diocese I have consecrated one church, ordained four Priests and two Deacons, confirmed two hundred and eleven persons upon fifteen occasions, and preached twenty-four times.

The gratifying intelligence has been just received of the election, at the recent Convention of the Diocese, of the Rev. Alonzo Potter, D. D., as its Bishop.

In our own Diocese the aggregate of services performed is as follows:

I have preached in Grace Church, Brandywine, three times; Naaman's Creek, once; at Du Pont's, once; at Centreville, once; Old Trinity Church, Wilmington, twice; Trinity chapel, three times; New Castle county Almshouse, three times; Immanuel Church, New Castle, twice; St. James', Staunton, three times; St. Thomas', Newark, twice; St. Ann's, Middletown, twice; St. Peter's, Smyrna, twice; at Dover, once;* Christ Church, Milford, once;* St. Matthew's, Cedar Creek, twice; Milton, once; St. Paul's, Georgetown, five times; St. Peter's, Lewes, four times; St. George's chapel, three times; St. George's, Dagsboro', three times; Millsboro', three times; St. John's Little Hill, twice; Christ Church, Broad Creek, twice; St. Luke's, Seaford, four times; in all (exclusive of St. Andrew's, Wilmington,

* Three appointments which I did not fulfil, prevented by weather and other circumstances.

my parochial charge) fifty-two times. The *Holy Communion* administered upon several of the above occasions. *Baptized* five infants.

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| *Confirmations*—in | Trinity church, Wilmington, | 9 |
| | St. Andrew's, " | 9 |
| | St. James', Staunton, | 1 |
| | St. Matthew's, Cedar Creek, | 2 |
| | St. Peter's, Lewes, | 2 |
| | St. George's chapel, | 4 |
| | Prince George's Dagsboro', | 1 |
| | St. John's, Little Hill, | 9 |
| | Christ church, Broad Creek, | 1 |
| | St. Luke's, Seaford, | 2 |
| | Total, | 40 |

*Clerical Changes.*—Beside the clergy added by ordination as above mentioned, there have been received by transfer from other Dioceses.

Aug. 29th, 1844. Rev. Zebadiah H. Mansfield, from Connecticut.
March 20th, 1845. Rev. Kensey Johns Stewart, from Maryland.
March 29th, 1845. Rev. Thomas Billopp, from Maryland.
April 23d, 1845. Rev. John A. Childs, from New York.

*Dismissed.*—September 20th, 1844. Rev. James H. Tyng, to New Jersey.

The Rev. Thomas D. Ozanne entered in July last upon the charge of St. Ann's Church, Middletown, and St. Peter's, Smyrna. The Rev. Walter E. Franklin resigned on the 1st of January his parishes in Sussex county, and became Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Newark, and St. James', Staunton. The Rev. John A. Childs became, in January last, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Lewes, St. George's chapel, and Prince George's, Dagsboro'. The Rev. Thomas Billopp has been elected Rector of Immanuel Church, New Castle, and entered upon his duties at Easter. The Rev. Kensey J. Stewart has within the present month, been elected Rector of Grace Church, Brandywine, and has taken charge of the same.

*Candidates for Orders.*

Added, Aug. 27th, 1844. Andrew F. Freeman, by transfer from the Diocese of Virginia.

April 9th, 1845. George D. Cummins, late a licensed preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Conference, admitted under the provisions of Canon VII. of 1838.

By transfer from the Diocese of New York. Isaac P. Labagh, David Pise, Jr., Samuel D. Denison, and Peter S. Burchan, all of whom as above mentioned have been ordained.

Of the candidates reported in my address of last year, Mr. Ozanne has been ordained as above mentioned. Mr. Jacob B. Smith has taken letters of dismission (March 18th, 1845) to the Diocese of Kentucky. Mr. Joseph Newton Watson was stricken from the list January 29th, 1845. I am not at liberty to withhold from the Diocese the causes inducing the act last mentioned. From the Faculty of the General Theological Seminary, in which institution Mr. Watson was pursuing his studies, I received official information that certain charges had been preferred against him by one of the professors, which, upon investigation, were considered by the Faculty to have been substantiated. These charges, upon the proof of which Mr. Watson had been directed to withdraw from the Seminary, were—

I. "That he had professed certain erroneous tenets and practices of the Church of Rome; viz: the doctrine of Transubstantiation; the Invocation of Saints; and the Adoration of the Virgin; and had acknowledged that he had been in the habit of practising such adoration himself."

2. "That he had advanced the opinion that the English Church and our own are guilty of schism as respects the Roman Communion; and that, although he professed that this opinion was not based upon thorough investigation, he had nevertheless not hesitated to declare it to younger and less informed members of the Seminary."

3. "A violation of his duty as a student of the Seminary, and of the promise made at his matriculation, in the above particulars."

I gave to the case very deliberate and anxious consideration, and could come to no other conclusion than that such expressions and conduct were wholly inconsistent with the remotest purpose of entering the ministry of our Church. I am not disposed to attribute a result so unhappy to the authorized teachings of the Seminary. Some of the professors I have long known, and have counted it a privilege to have enjoyed in my own preparation for the sacred office, the benefit of their instructions and advice. But that such consequences should ensue, from doctrines and opinions which have been during the last few years so diligently propagated, need surprise no one. The Bishop of Oxford in his charge of 1838, which was certainly most tolerant in its treatment of the writings of some of his clergy, expressed himself more fearful of the effects upon the pupils than upon the

teachers. If the wary and practised controversialist can pursue the faint and devious line between the Tractarian and the Romish systems, it can hardly be expected that inexperienced and impulsive youth should not overstep the boundary. Can men of standing and influence in the Church who have given their countenance to these opinions, escape the responsibility of such perversions among their youthful and immature followers? It has been a subject to me of frequent thankfulness that I did not withhold from you on a former occasion the free expression of my conviction of the error and the danger of these principles, which conviction the increased observation of the past year has tended greatly to deepen and confirm.

In concluding my fourth annual address, it may not be out of place to note the comparative state of the Church in this Diocese; now and in 1841. I need not tell you how deeply depressed were then the most of our parishes. Upon my first visitation I found but *seven* congregations supplied with the stated services of a pastor. Some had been so long destitute, and the flocks in consequence so much dispersed, that to expect them to be again gathered seemed almost to be hoping against hope. In my present address I have the gratification of announcing that every congregation is supplied with regular ministerial services. I can find no record of such a state of things at any former period, and suppose that it has not been the case for the last seventy years. There have been consecrated four churches, two of which have been newly erected and two had been left unfinished. One new parish has been formed; one which had been pronounced by the Convention defunct, has been revived with a congregation of several hundred worshippers; and others which seemed almost expiring, give indications of renewed life. There have been confirmed 304 persons. The number of communicants has increased from 269 to 532. The missionary collections have amounted to $1,408 71, nearly one half of which has been contributed during the past year. In spite, therefore, of constant discouragements from various sources, and you are not to suppose that they have ceased, there is reason why, on a review of the past, we should thank God and take courage. One point which I would urge upon my lay brethren as very nearly connected with the comfort, success and permanence of the pastoral relation, is the need of promptness and punctuality in the payment of the salaries of their ministers. This with a little energy and attention might be secured, and would relieve the ministry from a heavy burden of embarassment and anxiety, to which with all their other cares they ought

not to be subjected. And what we need, brethren, above all, is the influence of God's Holy Spirit accompanying the labours of his ministering servants, renewing the careless to repentance, and quickening those who have professed the Saviour's name to a higher measure of devotedness and zeal. The past year has been noticed in all parts of the Church as one of spiritual dearth and barrenness, and we may not deny that such it hath proved among ourselves. Let those who are wont to pray, cease not to entreat earnestly of the Giver of every good and perfect gift, the out-pouring, upon our ministers and their flocks, of the healthful spirit of His grace.

ALFRED LEE.

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On motion, the 16th Rule of Order was rescinded.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to consider Canon VI. of the General Convention of 1844, and report thereon to the Convention.

The Chair appointed the Rev. W. E. Franklin, Rev. J. A. Childs, and W. T. Read, the committee called for by the above resolution.

It was stated to the Convention, that at the last session of the Legislature of this State, an act had been passed, entitled, "AN ACT to authorize the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State to raise a fund for the support of a Bishop, and to aid missionaries and necessitous ministers, their widows and children."

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to report to the Convention, the mode in which such Trustees shall be appointed. The Chair appointed Col. Paynter, Gen. Mansfield and William T. Read.

The following Report of the Missionary and Education Committee was presented to the Convention.

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## THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EDUCATION AND MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

The Committee are gratified in being able to report a very marked in-

crease of interest and liberality in relation to the cause entrusted to them. Their receipts have amounted, as appears by the Report of their Treasurer, to the sum of $649 79, to which is to be added the sum of $10 82 contributed to the Board of Missions, and the sum of $50 00 raised by ladies of Sussex county in aid of St. Luke's Church, Seaford, which did not pass through their Treasurer's hands, making a total of $710 61—being double the amount contributed in any former year.

The following Churches have contributed:

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| Trinity—Offerings, | $139 47 | $251 64 |
| Sunday School, | 12 17 | |
| Female Domestic Missionary Society, | 100 00 | |
| St. Andrew's—Offerings, | $177 85 | $248 10 |
| Sunday School, | 48 25 | |
| Young Ladies' Society, | 22 00 | |
| Immanuel, Offerings, | | $122 14 |
| St. Peter's, Lewes, " | | 18 27 |
| St. Thomas', " | | 5 25 |
| St. George's Chapel, " | | 5 10 |
| Prince George's, " | | 5 11 |
| St. John's, " | | 2 00 |
| St. Luke's, " | | 1 50 |
| Christ Church, Broad Creek, | | 1 50 |
| Contributed as above for St. Luke's, Seaford, | | 50 00 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands, May, 1844, | | 14 94 |
| | | $725 55 |

This amount has been disbursed, according to the direction of the donors, as follows:

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| Board of Missions, Domestic Committee, | 367 03 | $451 17 |
| Foreign " | 84 14 | |
| To the Diocese of Indiana, | | 53 00 |
| " " Kentucky, | | 25 00 |
| " Our own Diocese, | | 172 21 |
| | | 701 38 |
| Balance in Treasurer's hands, | | 24 17 |
| | | $725 55 |

This result, exceeding the anticipations of the committee, shews a juster appreciation of the demands which the Gospel makes upon every disciple, and moreover that the efforts which have been made to arouse among us a missionary spirit, have not been in vain. It proves also the advantages sure to result from combined and systematic action. The Committee trust that years to come will maintain and carry forward the standard of zeal now reached. All which the Diocese bestows upon objects of Christian benevolence, will be recompensed an hundred fold. Of the salaries paid by the Domestic Committee to our own Missionaries during the past year, we have contributed more than one-half, and should we at any future time be thrown upon our own resources, it is hoped that we should in such case be enabled to sustain our Missionary operations. It is however, in the opinion of the Committee, more desirable that our interest in the general efforts of the Church should be manifested as heretofore, and that we should look to the Domestic Committee for the aid which we require. In conclusion, the Committee would urge the faithful carrying out of the plan of monthly offerings required by the Canon, express the hope that the next annual report will record among the contributing Churches the name of every parish in

the Diocese, and commend the cause to the prayers and favour of every lover of Zion.

ALFRED LEE,
JOHN W. McCULLOUGH,
JAMES W. THOMSON,
E. H. THOMAS,

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The Treasurer's account was presented, and, on motion, referred to a committee of three, Robert Burton, John R. Draper, and George W. Cummins.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the election of the Standing Committee and Deputies to the General Convention, be the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock, and that nominations for the above offices be made this afternoon.

In accordance with the above resolution, several persons were placed in nomination.

The committee, to whom was referred the Treasurer's account, reported it correct, and was discharged.

(*For Treasurer's Account, see Appendix.*)

The Committee to whom was referred the Journal of the last General Convention, made the following report:

The Committee appointed to examine the Journal of the General Convention of 1845, to ascertain whether it contained any matter requiring the special attention of this Convention, report that they find nothing of this nature except Canon 6 of 1844, which has already been committed to a special committee.

In behalf of the Committee.

J. W. McCULLOUGH, Chairman.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention be held in Christ Church, Milford, on the last Wednesday of May, 1846, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Wilmington,
May 29th, 1845.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The order for Daily Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. John Long. The Bishop called the Convention to order, and the Secretary called the roll. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Rev. I. P. Labagh obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The Convention proceeded to the order of the day—the election of the Standing Committee, and Deputies to the General Convention.

The Rev. Messrs. McKim and Stewart, of the Clergy, and Dr. Smith and N. Stockly, of the Laity, were appointed tellers. The tellers reported the election of the following gentlemen:

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| Rev. John W. McCullough,<br>" Walter E. Franklin,<br>" Thomas Billopp, | Of the Clergy. |
| Mr. William T. Read,<br>" George B. Rodney, | Of the Laity. |

Whereupon the Chair declared the above named persons to be the Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Deputies to the General Convention. The same tellers were appointed.

On the first ballot, the two orders concurred in electing,

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| Rev. Thomas Billopp,<br>" Walter E. Franklin,<br>" John W. McCullough,<br>" John L. McKim, | Of the Clergy. |
| Col. Samuel Paynter,<br>Gen. Richard Mansfield, | Of the Laity. |

On the first ballot, William T. Read, Esq., was elected by the Clergy, but the Laity did not concur.

On the second ballot, the Laity concurred in electing William T. Read.

On the second ballot by the Clergy for one Lay Deputy, there was no choice.

On the third ballot by the Laity, for one Lay Deputy, there was no choice.

On the third ballot by the Clergy there was no choice.

On the fourth ballot by the Laity, for one Lay Deputy, Moses Bradford was elected.

Leave of absence was granted to P. Hendrickson on account of indisposition.

On the fourth ballot by the Clergy, there was no choice.

On the fifth ballot, the Clergy concurred in electing Moses Bradford.

The Rev. John Long asked and obtained leave of absence.

The Convention proceeded to elect the Missionary and Education Committee, called for by Canon IX. The Rev. J. L. McKim and Dr. Smith were appointed tellers.

The tellers reported the election of the Rev. J. W. McCullough, and that no other person had received a majority of the votes cast.

On the second ballot, Edmund Canby and Evan H. Thomas were elected.

On the third ballot, for one clerical member of the committee, there was no choice.

On the fourth ballot, the Rev. Kensey J. Stewart, was elected.

N. Stockly asked and obtained leave of absence.

The following Resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the rule for the distribution of the Journals of this Convention, found on page 18 of the Journal of 1843, be so amended as to entitle parishes having over 100 communicants, to 30 copies.

On motion, the Secretary was authorized to procure a suitable record book.

The committee appointed yesterday, to report to the Convention the mode in which the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund shall be appointed, reported the following Canon, which was adopted:

CANON.

At the present, and at each future annual Convention five Trustees of the "fund for the support of a Bishop and to aid missionaries and necessitous ministers, their widows and children," shall be elected by concurrent ballot of both orders: to continue in office until the next annual Convention thereafter, or until their successors are duly appointed. In case of vacancy by death, or otherwise, it shall be the duty of the remaining Trustees to notify the Standing Committee of the Diocese thereof, and it shall be the duty of the said Committee to supply such vacancy, as soon as they shall have knowledge of the same, by such notice, or otherwise.

The Convention then proceeded to elect five Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, for the ensuing year. The Rev. Mr. Billopp and Nathaniel Wolfe were appointed tellers, who reported the election of the Hon. James Booth, Dr. James W. Thomson, William T. Read, Esq., Caleb S. Layton, Esq., and General Richard Mansfield.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to insert the Act incorporating the above Trustees, in the appendix to the Journal of this Convention.

The Trustee of the Glebe belonging to Christ Church, Dover, made a report, which the Secretary was directed to file.

On motion, the Trustee was continued.

Evan H. Thomas asked and obtained leave of absence.

The committee to whom was referred the VI. Canon of the General Convention of 1844, made the following report. After some discussion, the resolutions proposed by the committee were amended by the Convention, and adopted.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE NEW CANON OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION RESPECTING DEACONS.

The Canon referred to is the 6th Canon of the General Convention of 1844. (*For Canon VI. of* 1844, *see Appendix.*)

This Canon contemplates the introduction to the lowest order of the ministry of a class of men of inferior literary qualifications, who shall be permitted to pursue their secular occupations while exercising the office of a Deacon. This provision seems adapted to meet the wants of feeble parishes, several of which are obliged to unite in the support of a minister, and are under present arrangements supplied with but infrequent services. It is in this respect suited to the condition of our own Diocese, some of whose parishes might be thus enabled to enjoy more frequently the services of the Church. While, however, advantages would thus accrue from action on the Canon referred to our consideration, we conceive there are difficulties in the way of such action which it is not proper to keep out of view. In a congregation thus gratuitously supplied, some members may we apprehend become indifferent or averse to the secural of the services of a Rector, to whose support they will be obliged to contribute.

A sufficient time we conceive is not afforded us for the consideration and discussion of the advantages and disadvantages likely to arise from the introduction of the contemplated class of ministers, and we are not prepared to recommend immediate action on the subject. It is a change in the policy of our Church, and previously to its adoption demands serious thought. With the design, therefore, of bringing the subject before the members of the Church in this Diocese, that it may receive the consideration its importance demands, your committee propose the following resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That it is recommended to the members of the Church in this Diocese, in the interval between the present session of the Convention and that of 1846, severally to consider the expediency of action under the 6th Canon of the General Convention of 1844.

2. That a committee of three be appointed to report on the subject, at the next Convention, of the aforesaid Canon.

W. E. FRANKLIN,
JOHN A. CHILDS,
WILLIAM T. READ.

The Chair appointed the following gentlemen the committee called

for by the second resolution: The Rev. Walter E. Franklin, Rev. John A. Childs, and Wm. T. Read.

The committee on Church Property was discharged.

The committee on the Bishop's Fund was discharged.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be and are hereby tendered to the wardens and vestry of St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, for the use of said Church during the Convention of 1845, and to the citizens of Wilmington for their kindness and hospitality to the delegates of said Convention.

Wilson & Heald's bill, and J. F. Wilson's bill were read and allowed.

On motion, the Treasurer was directed to pay the Sexton of St. Andrew's Church, the usual amount for attendance upon this Convention.

The minutes of the last session of the Convention were read and adopted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That after the usual religious exercises, the Convention adjourn, *sine die*.

The members united in singing the last four verses of the 99th Psalm of the Selection. Prayer was then offered, and the Benediction pronounced by the Bishop, after which, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

Attest,

JAMES F. WILSON, *Secretary*.

## STANDING COMMITTEE, ELECTED MAY, 1845.

Rev. John W. McCullough, Rev. Thomas Billopp,
Rev. Walter E. Franklin, Wm. T. Read, Esq.,
George B. Rodney, Esq.

## DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION, ELECTED MAY, 1845.

Rev. Thomas Billopp,
" Walter E. Franklin,
" John W. McCullough,
" John L. McKim,
} Of the Clergy.

Col. Samuel Paynter,
Gen. Richard Mansfield,
Wm. T. Read,
Moses Bradford,
} Of the Laity.

## MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The Rt. Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D., Chairman, ex officio.

Rev. John W. McCullough,
Rev. Kensey J. Stewart.
} Of the Clergy.

Edmund Canby,
Evan H. Thomas,
} Of the Laity.

## TRUSTEES OF THE BISHOP'S FUND, ELECTED MAY, 1845.

Hon. James Booth, William T. Read, Esq.,
James W. Thomson, M. D. Caleb S. Layton, Esq.,
Gen. Richard Mansfield.

Treasurer of the Convention, and of the Missionary and Education Committee, EVAN H. THOMAS, Esq., Wilmington.

Secretary of the Convention, JAMES F. WILSON, M. D., Wilmington.

# APPENDIX.

## PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

*Report of Grace Church, Brandywine.*—Baptism, infant, 1; communicants, present number, 13.

There have been no confirmations or additions to the communion of this Church. Ministerial services have been occasionally rendered by the Rev. Mr. Mansfield, and by the Bishop. The undersigned took charge of the Church as Rector on Sunday the 25th of May, instant.

May 27th, 1845. K. J. STEWART, *Rector.*

*Report of St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington*—Baptized, adults, 5; infants, 12; total, 17; confirmed, 9; communicants, died, 3; removed, 11; suspended, 2; added, 19: present number, 130; marriages, 7; funerals, 12; catechumens in Bible Classes and Sunday Schools: teachers, male, 13; female, 13; total, 26; scholars, male, 132; female, 136; total, 268.

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| Contributions—Missionary, | Offerings in Church, | $177 85 | $248 10 |
| | Sunday School, | 48 25 | |
| | Young Ladies' Society, | 22 00 | |
| Episcopal and Convention Funds, | | | 125 00 |
| Other purposes, | | | 27 18 |

Public services on Sundays, twice; other days, Friday evenings, during nine months. In Lent, Wednesday mornings.

ALFRED LEE, Rector.

May 28th, 1845.

*Remarks.*—This congregation has apparently prospered during the past year. A vigorous effort has been made to provide for the gradual liquidation of the pecuniary liabilities of the Parish, which promises well. Of the Communicants added, as above reported, four had been previously communicants of the Church elsewhere. In this Parish as elsewhere during the past year the spiritual harvest has not been abundant, and the Rector has reason to lament that so many of his stated hearers seem proof against the appeals of the Gospel. During the frequent absences of the Rector within the last three months in the discharge of Episcopal duties in this Diocese and that of Pennsylvania, he has been indebted to the Rev. Kensey J. Stewart for ready assistance.

*Report of Trinity Church, Wilmington.*—Baptized, adults, 2; infants, 20; total, 22: confirmed, 9; communicants died, 2; repelled, or suspended under Canon 7,

sec. 2, of 1844, 8; erased from the roll as lost, or long ceased to communicate, 6; removed, 9; added, 9; present number, 146; marriages, 5; funerals, 10; catechumens in Sunday Schools and Bible Classes—scholars, male, female, total, 180; teachers, male, 7; female, 15; total, 22.

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| Contributions—Missionary, | | | $241 64 |
| Bishop's salary, | | | 80 50 |
| Convention funds for last year, | $5 00 | | |
| For this year, | 15 00 | | 20 00 |
| For other purposes, | | | 71 12 |
| Total, | | | $413 26 |

Public services on Sundays, including services at Du Pont's, 126; on other days (about) 55.

The processes of repulsion, suspension and erasure of the names of persons lost sight of, or who had long ceased to partake of the communion, and the removal of an unusual number during the year, have diminished the apparent number of communicants. The congregation continues in its usual state of harmony and prosperity.

J. W. McCULLOUGH, Rector.

*Report of Immanuel Church, New Castle, for the Conventional year ending May 27th*, 1845.—Baptisms, infants, 8; communicants, last reported, 45; removed, 1; present number, 44; funerals, adult, 1; infants, 3—4; Sunday School Teachers, male 5; female 10—15; Scholars, male, 46; female, 48—94.

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| Contributions—Domestic Missions, | | $100 00 |
| Episcopal and Convention Funds, | | 32 50 |
| Charitable purposes, | | 32 00 |
| | | $164 50 |

The Rector of Immanuel Church, New Castle, respectfully reports, that he was elected to the Parish, at a meeting of the Vestry held on the 30th December, 1844.

Although, from peculiar circumstances, he was unable to enter regularly upon his duties until the month April last, yet his occasional services previous to that period, and the kindness of Lay readers, prevented the Church from being closed.

The services for Sundays, and the various festivals and fasts of the Church, continued as usual; and no change has been made in the system adopted by his predecessor—except the substitution of the *regular Wednesday morning service* for that of *Friday evening*.

Some valuable additions have been made to the Sunday School and Parish Libraries.

May 27th, 1845. THOMAS BILLOPP, Rector.

*Report of St. James', Staunton.*—Confirmed, 2; communicants, 10; marriages, 1; Sunday Scholars, 12; public services on Sundays, 12.

The Church at Newark was consecrated in the latter part of February last, has been occupied for services since the middle of January. The attendance has been quite encouraging. Some of the communicants formerly reported as belonging to St. James', Staunton, are now reported as connected with St. Thomas', Newark.

WALTER E. FRANKLIN, Rector.

*Report of St. Thomas' Church, Newark.*—Baptized, infants, 2; communicants, present number, 10; marriages, 1; catechumens in Sunday School and otherwise, 22.

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| Contributions—Missionary, | $5 25 |
| Sunday School | 2 50 |

Public services on Sundays, 27. Other days, 3.

*Report of St. Anne's Church, Middletown.*—Communicants, removed, 3; present number, 22; marriages, parishioners, 0; others, 1; funerals, parishioners, 0; others, 1.

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| Contributions—Missionary, | $3 09 |
| Episcopal and Convention Funds, | 19 00 |

Public services on Sundays, 40; other days, 2—42.

May 26th, 1845. THOMAS D. OZANNE.

*Remarks.*—Entered upon my duties in this Parish on the 7th Sunday after Trinity, July 21, 1844. Though increasing numbers continue to attend divine service, yet no special interest in heavenly things seems to be felt among them. We hope and trust that the blessing of God will attend us; and that many who are now "halting between two opinions," may be found "on the Lord's side." Circumstances lead me to relinquish the charge of my Parishes in a few weeks, perhaps only for a few months. Should I never be permitted to resume the charge thereof, I leave them with the utmost regret, and with kind wishes and earnest prayers for their prosperity.

*Report of St. Peter's Church, Smyrna.*—Baptized, adults, 1; infants, 5—total, 6; communicants, present number, 5; marriages, parishioners, 0; others, 2; funerals, 1, contributions—Episcopal and Convention Funds, $7 50; public services on Sundays, 38; other days, 6; at Christ Church, Dover, 3—total, 47.

THOMAS D. OZANNE.

*Report of Christ Church, Milford.*—Confirmed, at St. Matthew's, Cedar Creek, 1; communicants died, 2; removed, 2; added, 1; present number, 12; funerals, 6; contributions—Episcopal and Convention Funds, $5 00; public services on Sundays, 24; other days, 2—total, 26.

May 28th, 1845. JOHN L. McKIM, Rector.

*Remarks.*—This Church has suffered much in the past year from the decease and removal of members; by which two or three valuable supporters have been lost. In other respects, it is in nearly the same condition as at previous reports. The Sunday School, which has been discontinued for several years, will be reopened on the 1st of June next.

*Report of St. Matthew's Church, Cedar Creek.*—Baptized, infants, 5; communicants, present number, 8: contributions—Episcopal and Convention Funds, $5; public services on Sundays, 15; other days, 2—total, 17.

May 28th, 1845. JOHN L. McKIM, Rector.

*Remarks.*—The services at this Church were suspended during the winter, on account of the uncomfortableness of the house; but have been again resumed this spring, with prospect of a good attendance. I have distributed in this congregation a large number of religious tracts, which have been well received. And the people are disposed to contribute to the improvement of the house.

*Report of St. Paul's Church, Georgetown.*—Baptized, infants, 4; communicants, died 1; present number, 13; marriages, 1; funerals 5; teachers in Bible Classes and Sunday Schools, male 2, female 5: total, 7; scholars, male, 12; female, 22· total, 34; contributions—Episcopal and Convention Funds, $10; other purposes, $13 25; public services on Sundays, 49; other days, 4: total, 53.

May 28th, 1845. JOHN L. McKIM, Rector.

*Remarks.*—The new Church which was erected for this congregation, was consecrated on the 19th of November last. The contributions of the Church, will

for some time, be appropriated to the furnishing of the building, and other necessary expenses. The congregation are, it is hoped, improving in spiritual things; though there has been no addition to the communion during the past year.

*Report of Rev. W. E. Franklin.*—The first part of the year was spent in Sussex county in the Parishes of St. Peter's, Lewes, St. George's, Indian River, and Prince Georges's, Dagsborough. The following is a report of services there rendered:

St. Peter's, Lewes.—Baptized, infants, 1; communicants died, 1; removed, 2; added, 5; marriages, 1; funerals, 1; public services on Sundays, 10; other days, 1—total, 11.

*St. George's Chapel, Indian River.*—Baptisms, infants, 2; confirmed 4; communicants, died, 1; added, 2; present number, 22; funerals, 2; public services on Sundays, 7.

*Prince George's Parish, Dagsborough.*—Baptized, infants, 2; confirmed, 1; marriages, 1; communicants, added, 1. A Sunday School was formed in Millsborough in June, numbering about 20 scholars Public services on Sundays, 14.

The above report of public services extends to the 1st of September, 1844. In the interval between that period and the end of the year, my services were rendered infrequent by ill health. Early in January I removed to Newark, and the report of services in Newark and Staunton extends from January to May, inclusive, of the present calendar year.

*Report of St. Peter's Church, Lewes.*—Baptized, infants 6; confirmed, 2; communicants died, 3, removed 3, added 6, present number 33; funerals, 4; contribution, missionary, $18 27; public services on Sundays, 13; other days, 10; total 23. JOHN A. CHILDS, Rector.

May 28, 1845.

*Remarks.*—My charge of this Church commenced on the 1st of January, immediately on the leaving of the Rev. Mr. Franklin. Services are generally well attended. During several months, I have held Wednesday evening services with a lecture, and am in the habit of catechising the children publicly in the Church. On the whole the prospect is encouraging.

*Report of Prince George's Church, Dagsborough.*—Baptized, infants 2; communicants, removed 1; added 1; present number 19; marriages 3; teachers in Bible Classes and Sunday Schools, 7; scholars, 56; contribution, missionary, $5 11. Public services on Sundays, 10; other days 2; total, 12.

May 28, 1845. JOHN A. CHILDS, Rector.

*Remarks.*—Services have been more frequently performed at Millsborough than at Dagsborough, owing to the Church at the latter place being unfit to be occupied during the inclement seasons. A Church at Millsborough would no doubt soon be filled with a respectably large congregation. We have great hopes of improvement in our congregations from the number of children attending the Sunday Schools.

*Report of St. George's Chapel, Indian River.*—Baptized, infants, 2; confirmed 4; communicants died 1; present number 22, catechumens in Bible Classes and Sunday Schools: teachers 2, scholars 20; contributions, missionary, $5 10; Episcopal and Convention funds, $6; public services on Sundays, 9.

May 28, 1845. JOHN A. CHILDS, Rector.

*Remarks.*—A Sunday School has been established in this parish, which is at present very promising. I have officiated once in a School House in Long Neck.

*Report of St. John's Church, Little Hill, Sussex county.*—Baptized, adults, 4; infants 14; total, 18; confirmed, 9: communicants died 1; added 8; present number 24; catechumens in Bible Classes and Sunday Schools: teachers, male 3, female 2, total 5; scholars, male 20, female 20; total 40; contributions, missionary, $2; public services on Sundays, 19; other days 13; total 32.

May 28, 1845. JOHN LONG, Rector.

I am rejoiced that I can so favourably report respecting this congregation. Families regular in attendance, 65; individuals, about 275. The majority of these are under 20 years of age, which renders our prospects more encouraging. When the day for service is pleasant, the Church is well filled, the congregation sometimes numbering over four hundred.

*Report of Christ Church, Laurel.*—Baptized, infants, 4; confirmed, 1; added 1; present No., 8; marriages, 3; funerals, 1; contributions—Missionary, $1 50; public services on Sundays, 22; other days, 16; total, 38; in various places in the Diocese, 24. JOHN LONG, Rector.

May 28th, 1845.

Remarks.—God continues to bless me in my labours, and most gratefully do I acknowledge his mercy. While the past year has been to me, one of great affliction, care and toil, I have been blessed in all, by the comforting and sustaining influence of God's spirit. I do not doubt but that the Church is gaining strength, those who have joined themselves to Christ, are advancing in the life of piety, diligence, and love. In consequence of the extensiveness of my charge, I am very frequently compelled to leave undone that which would be of advantage to my congregations. Over this I often grieve. But judging from what God hath done for us, we may reasonably indulge the hope, that the time is not far distant when each congregation will have a Pastor of its own. This will be granted, if we have faith to ask. I endeavour to follow the Scripture direction, "While we have time let us do good unto all men."

I rejoice to find that persons in other Dioceses feel an interest in behalf of the Church in Del. Some have manifested this interest. I received from the vestry of the Church of the Messiah, Philadelphia, a very handsome communion service for St. John's Church. The gentleman through whom I received it, has done much for the churches under my charge He has procured and sent to me, at different times about 200 vols. of Sunday school books, tracts, catechisms, &c. He expresses in all his letters a great desire for the prosperity of the Church in Del. May the Lord reward all who have done this, and raise up many more, to "go and do likewise." I conclude by thanking God for what has been done, and the favourable prospects he has opened before us. May He still be with us, so that at the last it may appear, that many souls were trained for Heaven, in this station.

JOHN LONG, Missionary.

*Report of St. Luke's Church, Seaford.*

Baptized, infants 7; confirmed 2; communicants died, 2; removed 1; added 1; present number 12; marriages 1; funerals 4; Teachers in Bible Classes and Sunday Schools, male 1, female 1; total, 2; scholars, male 16, female 12; total, 28; contributions, missionary, $1 50. Public services on Sundays, 22; other days 18; total, 40.

May 28th, 1845. JOHN LONG, Rector.

*To the Bishop of Delaware.*—The occasional services performed by me during the past year, have been confined to reading prayers for the Bishop of Vermont in his Church, to assisting the Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Newark, in administering the Holy Communion twice, and to preaching for him on Trinity Sunday. The same state of health, by which I was compelled to leave my Parish in the Diocese of Vermont, and to accept my present office, has ever since prevented me, (except under peculiar circumstances,) from making ap-

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pointments for services in which I could not be assisted, and, indeed, from making appointments of any kind, regularly or frequently.

GEORGE ALLEN,
Presbyter, Professor in Delaware College.

The Rev. Corry Chambers reports, that he has officiated several times for the neighboring clergymen, during the last conventional year, having previously resigned the Rectorship of St. James' Church, Staunton; but inadvertently overlooking the provision of the Canon requiring a report from every clergyman whether in a Parochial charge or not, he did not think it necessary to keep a record of the number, or dates of these times.

Since my ordination to the ministry, I have received the appointment of missionary to the Jews from the Domestic Board of Missions of our Church and have entered upon the duties assigned me. As there are no funds specifically appropriated to this object, the Domestic committee have made it my duty, in addition to the more immediate duty of instructing the Jews in the knowledge of Christ, to visit for a short season, the churches, or as many of them as practicable, and awaken, if possible, an interest in this enterprize, and secure funds for its support. In pursuance of such instructions I have been engaged every Sunday since my appointment, in addressing some one or more congregations, and I have been gratified to find that a growing interes thas been excited in this department of Christian benevolence. My desire and hope is that the Church will afford the necessary means for the support of this Mission without delay, that my time may be wholly occupied in the more important duty of preaching Christ to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. I am not without strong hopes that if our Church can be induced to engage in this mission with the same liberality and zeal which the mother church has displayed in its prosecution, the same happy results will follow. A very trifling appropriation from every parish in our communion would immediately establish it on a permanent basis, and leave the missionary at full liberty to devote his whole energies to the work of an Evangelist among the circumcision.

ISAAC P. LABAGH.

My time has been devoted, since the last meeting of the Convention, to the instruction of the young in the various branches of learning. The great principles of christianity, with the duties that result for the regulation of the heart and life, have been inculcated as of the first importance.

Prevented by imperfect health from public speaking except in very small rooms, I have only to report with reference to the performance of duties strictly ministerial, that I have twice assisted in the administration of the holy communion, and for a part of the year, supplied the small and feeble parish of Grace Church, Brandywine Hundred, with the stated means of grace.

Z. H. MANSFIELD.

The following is the amount of assessment on each parish in the Diocese for the support of the Episcopate, which is to be remitted, semi-annually, to the Treasurer of the Convention:

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|---|---|
| Trinity Church, Wilmington, | $73 00 |
| St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, | 65 00 |
| Immanuel Church, New Castle, | 22 00 |
| St. Peter's Church, Lewes, | 16 50 |
| St. Ann's Church, Middletown, | 11 00 |
| St. George's Chapel, Indian River, | 11 00 |
| St. James' Church, Staunton, | 5 00 |
| Prince George's Church, Dagsborough, | 9 50 |
| St. John's Church, Little Hill, | 12 00 |
| Grace Church, Brandywine, | 6 50 |
| Christ Church, Milford, | 6 00 |
| St. Luke's Church, Seaford, | 6 00 |
| S. Paul's Church, Georgetown, | 6 00 |
| Christ Church, Laurel, | 6 50 |
| St. Matthew's Church, Cedar Creek, | 4 00 |
| St. Peter's Church, Smyrna, | 2 50 |
| St. Thomas's Church, Newark, | 5 00 |

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The following table exhibits the sum which each parish is required to contribute to the Convention Fund in accordance with Canon X.

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|---|---|
| St. Andrew's church, Wilmington, | $15 00 |
| Trinity church, Wilmington, | 15 00 |
| Immanuel church, New-Castle, | 10 00 |
| St. Peter's church, Lewes, | 8 00 |
| St. Ann's church, Middletown, | 9 00 |
| St. George's chapel, Indian River, | 6 00 |
| St. John's church, Little Hill, | 6 00 |
| Grace church, Brandywine Hundred, | 5 00 |
| St. James' church, Staunton, | 5 00 |
| St. Thomas' church, Newark, | 5 00 |
| St. Peter's church, Smyrna, | 5 00 |
| Christ church, Milford, | 5 00 |
| St. Matthew's church, Cedar Creek, | 5 00 |
| St. Paul's church, Georgetown, | 5 00 |
| Prince George's church, Dagsboro', | 5 00 |
| St. Luke's church, Seaford, | 5 00 |
| Christ church, Laurel, | 5 00 |

**DR. EVAN H. THOMAS, TREASURER OF.**

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| 1844. | | |
| May 6. | To balance due the Convention at this date, the sum of, - - - - - - | $2 63 |
| June 3. | To sundry Convention dues received from the following churches: | |
| | From Trinity church, Wilmington, - - | 5 00 |
| | " St Andrew's church, do. - - | 5 00 |
| | " St. James' church, Staunton, - - | 5 00 |
| | " St. Ann's church, M ddletown, - - | 5 00 |
| | " St. Peter's church, Smyrna, - - | 5 00 |
| | " Christ church, Milford, - - - | 5 00 |
| | " St. Peter's church, Lewes, - - | 5 00 |
| | " St. Matthew's church, Cedar Creek, - | 5 00 |
| | " Immanuel church, New Castle, 2 years, - | 10 00 |
| | " St. Paul's church, Georgetown, - - | 5 00 |
| | " St. George's chapel, Sussex, 2 years, - | 10 00 |
| | " St. Luke's church, Seaford, - - | 5 00 |
| | " St. John's church, Little Hill, - - | 5 00 |
| | " St. Thomas' church, Newark, - - | 5 00 |
| | " Prince George's church, Dagsboro', - | 5 00 |
| Dec. 21. | Cash balance collection in St. Andrew's church. | |
| 1845. | Wilmington, to Bishop's fund, - - | 25 00 |
| Feb. 1. | Cash contributions in St. Andrew's church, Wilmington, to Bishop's fund, - - | 75 00 |
| Mar. 19. | " contributions in Trinity church, Wilmington, to Bishop's fund, - - - | 35 00 |
| " 22. | " a further contribution towards Bishop's fund, in St. Andrew's church, Wilmington, - | 5 00 |
| April 21. | " from Secretary of committee for sale of pamphlets, &c., - - - - | 3 68 |
| May 1. | Balance due E. H. Thomas, Treasurer, - - | 14 00 |
| | | $246 63 |

Errors excepted.

E. H. THOMAS, *Treasurer.*

Wilmington May 1, 1845.

**THE DIOCESE OF DELAWARE, CR.**

| | | No. | |
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| 1844. | | | |
| June 3. | By cash paid sexton of St. Peter's church, Lewes, for his attendance on Convention, per receipt, | 1. | $4 00 |
| | " " paid J. F. Wilson, Secretary Convention, account allowed, receipt, | 2. | 7 75 |
| | " " paid E. A. Wilson, balance of account for printing Journal, 1842, receipt, | 3. | 40 00 |
| | " " paid E. A. Wilson, for printing Pastoral Letter of Bishop, receipt, | 4. | 18 00 |
| | " " paid Wilson & Heald, on account of printing Journal of 1843, receipt, | 5. | 17 88 |
| Oct. 7. | " " paid dues at General Convention, 1844, per receipt, | 6. | 10 00 |
| " 24. | " " paid do. additional assessment on the Diocese, receipt, | 7. | 4 50 |
| 1845. | | | |
| Jan. 6. | " " paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Lee, under a resolution of Convention, per receipt, | 8. | 25 00 |
| | " " paid do. a further payment, per receipt, | 9. | 75 00 |
| Feb. 1. | " " paid do. do. do. do. | 10. | 40 00 |
| April 1. | " " paid for postage and stationary, receipt, | 11. | 50 |
| | " " paid Porter & Naff, for printing 50 copies of the proposed canons, receipt, | 12. | 4 00 |
| | | | $246 63 |

Received at Convention:

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| May 28. | Trinity Church, Wilmington, | $15 00 | |
| " " | do. do. Balance of Bishop's Fund, | 45 00 | $60 00 |
| " " | St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, | | 15 00 |
| " " | St. James' Church, Staunton, | 5 00 | |
| " " | do. do Bishop's Fund, | 9 00 | 14 00 |
| " " | Immanuel Church, New Castle, | 10 00 | |
| " " | do. do. Bishop's Fund, | 22 50 | 32 50 |
| " " | St. Ann's Church, Middletown, | 6 00 | |
| " " | do. do. Bishop's Fund, | 13 00 | 19 00 |
| " " | St. Thomas' Church, Newark, | | 5 00 |
| " " | St. Peter's Church, Smyrna, | 5 00 | |
| " " | do. do. Bishop's Fund, | 3 00 | 8 00 |
| " " | Christ Church, Milford, | | 5 00 |
| " " | St. Matthew's Church, Cedar Creek, | | 5 00 |

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| " " | St. Paul's Church, Georgetown—2 years, | | 10 00 |
| " " | St. Luke's Church, Seaford, | | 5 00 |
| " " | St. George's Chapel, Sussex, | | 6 00 |
| " " | St. Peter's Church, Lewes, | 8 00 | |
| " " | do. do. Bishop's Fund, | 16 00 | 24 00 |
| | | | $208 50 |

Errors Excepted.

E. H. THOMAS, Treasurer.

May 29th, 1845.

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| May 1.—By balance due Treasurer, | | 14 62 |
| Paid since Convention: | | |
| May 20.—Rt. Rev. Alfred Lee, under resolution of Convention, per receipt, | | $13 75 |
| 27.— do. do. do. do. do. | | 8 00 |
| 31.—J. F. Wilson, Secretary of Convention, account allowed, per receipt, | | 6 25 |
| " Bishop Lee, per receipt, | | 87 25 |
| " Sexton of St. Andrew's Church, attendance on Convention, per receipt, | | 4 00 |
| " Wilson & Heald, in full, of account printing Journals, &c., 1843, per receipt, | | 48 37 |
| " By cash paid Wilson & Heald, on account, printing Journals, &c., 1844, per receipt, | | 26 06 |
| | | $208 50 |

## STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, That this Convention be held alternately in each County in this State, at such place as the Convention shall annually appoint.

*Passed at Convention* 1831.

*Resolved*, That in all elections the votes of a majority of all the members present—or if voting by orders, of a majority of all present of the respective orders shall be necessary to a choice.

*Passed at Convention* 1837.

*Resolved*, As the sense of this Convention, that the ante-communion

service ought to be used in all the churches; and the clergy hereby engage to use the same. *Passed at Convention* 1838.

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Wardens of every parish to collect at the rate of fifty cents annually, for each communicant therein, to be remitted, semi-annually, together with such voluntary contributions as may be made for the same object, to the Treasurer of the Convention, for the time being, subject to the Bishop's order for his own private use. *Passed at Convention* 1844.

CANON VI. *Of a discretion to be allowed in the Calling, Trial, and Examination of Deacons in certain cases.*

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for any Bishop, upon being requested so to do by a Resolution of the Convention of his Diocese, to admit to the Holy order of Deacons persons not tried and examined as prescribed in the Canons "Of Candidates for Orders," "Of the Learning of those who are to be Ordained," and "Of the Preparatory Exercises of a Candidate for Deacon's Orders," under the following limitations and restrictions, viz:

1. Every such person shall have attained the full age of twenty-four years.
2. He shall have presented to the Bishop the certificate from the Standing Committee, required by Section 2 of the Canon "Of Candidates for Orders."
3. He shall have remained a Candidate for Orders at least one year from the date of such testimonials.
4. He shall have presented to the Bishop a testimonial from at least one Rector of a parish, signifying a belief that the person so applying is well qualified to minister in the office of a Deacon to the glory of God and the edification of His Church.
5. He shall have been examined by the Bishop and at least two Presbyters, on his fitness for the ministrations declared in the Ordinal to appertain to the office of a Deacon.

SECTION 2. A Deacon ordained under this Canon shall not be allowed to take charge of a Parish.

SECTION 3. In every Parish in which a Deacon, ordained under this Canon, shall officiate, he shall be subject to the direction of the Rector of the Parish, so long as therein resident, and officiating with the approbation of the Bishop.

SECTION 4. A Deacon ordained under this Canon shall not be transferable to another Diocese without the request of the Bishop to whom he is to be transferred, given in writing to the Bishop to whose jurisdiction he belongs.

SECTION 5. A Deacon ordained under this Canon shall not be entitled to a seat in any Convention, nor made the basis of any representation in the management of the concerns of the Church.

SECTION 6. A Deacon ordained under this Canon shall not be ordained to the Priesthood without first going through all the preparatory exercises of a Candidate for Deacon's orders, as required by the Canon thereto relating, in addition to those required of a candidate for Priest's orders, nor without presenting all the testimonials required by the Canon of Testimonials to be produced on the part of those who are to be ordained.

SECTION 7. In all respects not provided for by this Canon, the Deacons who shall be ordained under it, shall be under the same direction and control as other Deacons.

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*AN ACT to authorize the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State to raise a fund for the support of a bishop, and to aid missionaries and necessitous ministers, their widows and children.*

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware in General Assembly met,* That the Hon. James Booth, Doctor James W. Thomson, William T. Read, Esq., Caleb S. Layton, Esq., and Gen. Richard Mansfield, be and they are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic, by the name of "The Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Delaware," and by that name shall have perpetual succession; and may purchase, take and receive by deed, gift or otherwise, any property, real, personal or mixed, and have and hold the same, contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded as natural persons: *Provided, however,* that the property of the said corporation and the funds thereof, shall never be applied to any other purpose than for the support and comfortable maintenance of a bishop of said church within said Diocese, and to aid the missionaries, and necessitous ministers of the said church, their widows and children.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said trustees shall hold their office until the next ensuing annual convention of the said Protestant Episcopal Church of the said Diocese of Delaware, and until their successors in office shall be appointed and qualified; at which said next annual convention, and at every annual convention thereafter, trustees shall be appointed pursuant to such rules, by-laws, or canons of the said church, as may be in force at the time of such appointment: *Provided,* the same be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this State.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the property or funds of the said corporation shall never be sold, alienated, or otherwise disposed of, unless for the purpose of reinvesting the proceeds thereof, or appropriating the same as hereinafter provided; which the said annual convention may authorize and require said trustees to do, under such rules, limitations and restrictions as the said convention may from time to time adopt: *Provided,* that the clear annual income and profits of the said corporation arising from the property, or funds so held by it, shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the Legislature hereby reserves the power of revoking, altering and amending this act: but such revocation, alteration or amendment shall in no case divest the property, funds, money or rights acquired under its provisions; nor divert them from the purpose herein expressed; but such property, funds, money and rights of said corporation, in case of such revocation, shall enure to the said annual convention, for the uses and purposes herein-before mentioned.

*Passed at Dover, February 6, 1845.*

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## FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

# PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OF THE

## DIOCESE OF DELAWARE,

HELD IN CHRIST CHURCH, MILFORD,

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# LIST

*Of all the Ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church Canonically resident in the Diocese of Delaware, May 27th,* 1846.

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*RIGHT REV. ALFRED LEE, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese and Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington.

PRESBYTERS.

*Rev. THOMAS BILLOPP, Rector of Immanuel Church, New Castle.

* " CORRY CHAMBERS, Principal of the Wilmington Literary Institute.

* " JOHN A. CHILDS, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Lewes, St. George's Chapel, and Prince George's Church, Dagsborough.

* " WALTER E. FRANKLIN, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Newark, and St. James Church, Staunton.

* " ISAAC P. LABAGH, Missionary among the Jews.

" ZEBADIAH H. MANSFIELD, Teacher of a Classical School, Wilmington.

* " JOHN W. MCCULLOUGH, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Wilmington.

* " JOHN L. MCKIM, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, Christ Church, Milford, and St. Matthew's, Cedar Creek.

DEACONS.

Rev. GEORGE D. CUMMINS.

* " ANDREW F. FREEMAN, officiating in St. Ann's Church, Middletown, and St. Peter's Church, Smyrna.

" THOMAS D. OZANNE.

In conformity with Canon 1st. Section 1st.

ALFRED LEE,
Bishop of the Diocese of Delaware.

*Entitled to seats in the Convention.

## LIST OF LAY DELEGATES;

*Certificates of whose election by their respective Churches were presented and approved.*

*St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington*—Aquila Pritchard.

*Immanuel Church, New Castle*—William T. Read,* Nathaniel Wolfe.

*St. Ann's Church, Middletown*—Peregrine Hendrickson, Richard Lockwood.

*St. Peter's Church, Smyrna*—George W. Cummins, John Cloak.

*Christ Church, Milford*—Bethel Watson, Reuben Tharp.

*St. Matthew's Church, Cedar Creek*—George R. Fisher, Zachariah Deputy.

*St. Paul's Church, Georgetown*—Caleb S. Layton, Edward Wootten.

*St. Peter's Church, Lewes*—Robert Burton, John Rodney.

*St. George's Chapel, Indian River*—James T. Bayles, Thomas W. Burton.

*St. Luke's Church, Seaford*—Charles Wright, James Stuart.

*St. John's Church, Little Hill*—Joseph S. Cannon.

*Absent.

The following Churches were not represented:—

Grace Church, Brandywine Hundred.

Trinity Church, Wilmington.

St. James' Church, Staunton.

St. Thomas' Church, Newark.

Christ Church, Dover.

Christ Church, Broad Creek.

# JOURNAL

OF THE

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

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CHRIST CHURCH, Milford, May 27th, 1846.

This being the day constitutionally appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Delaware, the Right Rev. ALFRED LEE, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, with a number of Clerical and Lay Delegates, assembled in Christ Church, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Bishop having taken the Chair, the Convention was called to order.

A list of the Clergy entitled to seats in this Convention was called over by Mr. George R. Fisher, who was appointed Secretary, pro. tem., and the following gentlemen answered to their names:

Right Rev. Alfred Lee, Bishop of the Diocese,

Rev. Thomas Billopp, Rev. Andrew T. Freeman,
Rev. John A. Childs, Rev. J. W. McCullough, D. D.
Rev. W. E. Franklin, Rev. Jno. L. McKim.

The Chair appointed Rev. Dr. McCullough and Mr. Peregrine Hendrickson a Committee to receive and examine the Certificates of Lay Delegates. Of the list reported by the Committee as duly elected, the following gentlemen answered to their names, and took their seats in Convention, viz:

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| Charles Wright, | Aquila Pritchard, |
| James Stuart, | Bethel Watson, |
| Robert Burton, | Reuben Tharp, |
| Jno. Rodney, | Geo. R. Fisher, |
| Caleb S. Layton, | Zachariah Deputy, |
| Edward Wootten, | Geo. W. Cummins, |
| Peregrine Hendrickson, | John Cloak. |

The Chair declared the House fully organized, and the Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary.

The Rev. Jno. L. McKim, and the Rev. Jno. A. Childs of the Clergy, and the Hon. Caleb S. Layton, and Mr. Reuben Tharp of the Laity, were appointed Tellers, who, after examining the ballots, reported that the Rev. Thos. Billopp had received a majority of the votes of the House; whereupon the Chair declared him to be the Secretary to the Convention the ensuing year.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That Clergymen and candidates for the Ministry, who may be present, and not entitled to seats in this Convention, be, and they are hereby invited to attend the sittings of this Convention.

The Rules of Order of the last Convention were read by the Secretary, and on motion, adopted, as the Rules of Order of the present meeting.

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# RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with Prayer.

2. When the President takes the chair no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined, shall stand as the

judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.

7. If a question in debate contains more parts than one, any member may have the same divided into as many questions as there are parts.

8. While the President is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.

9. Every member, who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

10. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded; and reduced to writing, when required.

11. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before anything new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.

12. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

13. When the house is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves the chair.

14. The Journals of the Convention shall be published by the Secretary, under the supervision of the Bishop, and a copy sent to each member of the Convention.

15. The charge or sermon, when delivered by the Bishop before the Convention, shall be published by the Secretary, under the supervision of the Bishop, and one copy sent to each Clergyman, and ten copies to each vestry in the Diocese.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention take a recess for Divine Service.

The order for Daily Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. McCullough, assisted in the Lessons by the Rev. Walter E. Franklin. The Ante-Communion service was performed by the Bishop. The Bishop of the Diocese then delivered a charge to the Clergy; after which, the

Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Dr. McCullough and the Rev. Mr. Franklin.

The House was called to order by the chair, and, on motion, the Convention adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, this afternoon.

*May 27th, 3 o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment. The Bishop took the chair, and called the house to order. The Secretary called the Roll, and the minutes of the morning's proceedings were read and approved.

The following Lay Delegates appeared, and having presented the proper testimonials, answered to their names and took their seats.

Nathaniel Wolfe, Thomas W. Burton,
James T. Bayles, Joseph S. Cannon.

It was, on motion, *Resolved*, That a Treasurer, pro tem. be appointed to act in the absence of the Treasurer of the Diocese.

Mr. Nath'l. Wolfe was appointed to act in that capacity.

The Fourth Annual Report of the Missionary and Education committee appointed at the last Convention, was presented by the Rev. Dr. McCullough, read, and approved.

*Fourth Annual Report of the Missionary and Education Committee.*

The Missionary and Education committee, in presenting their Fourth Annual Report, are gratified to announce, that their receipts for the past year exhibit an encouraging increase of Missionary zeal. It appears by the Report the Treasurer that these have exceeded the amount of any former year. The last Annual Report stated the amount, which had, for the year then closed, passed through their Treasurer's hands, to have been $725 55, being double the amount contributed during any former year. The Treasurer's receipts for the present year, have been $858 47, [to which is to be added $22 75 from St. Ann's Church, Middletown,] ex[illegible]ose of the year preceding, by the sum of $155 6[illegible]unts severally contributed by the different F[illegible]ear by the Treasurer's Report, viz:—

DR. EVAN H. THOMAS, Treasurer of Missionary Committee of the Diocese of Delaware.

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| 1845. | | | |
| May —. | Balance in Treasurer's hands, | | $24 17 |
| 1846. | From Trinity Church, Wilmington, | $111 86 | |
| | " Ladies' Missionary Society of Trinity Church, do. | 225 00 | |
| | | | 336 86 |
| | " St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, | 187 77 | |
| | " Young Ladies' Sewing Society, do. do. | 18 00 | |
| | " Sunday Schools, do. do. | 59 14 | |
| | | | 264 91 |
| | " Immanuel Church, New Castle, | | 130 00 |
| | " St. Peter's Church, Lewes, | | 18 79 |
| | " St. Thomas' Church, Newark, | | 9 57 |
| | " St. George's Chapel, | | 3 41 |
| | " St. Ann's, Middletown, | | 3 07 |
| | " St. James' Church, Stanton, | | 1 81 |
| | " Grace Church, Brandywine, | | 1 72 |
| | " Prince George's, Dagsborough, | | 1 03 |
| | " Friends to the Jews, New Castle County, | | 50 00 |
| | " Sussex County Missions, A. M. | | 10 00 |
| | " do. do. P. | | 2 30 |
| | " A Missionary in the East, | | 20 00 |
| | " A Missionary in the Diocess, | | 5 00 |
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| 1845. | | | |
| 1846. | Forwarded, viz:— | | |
| | General Society, N. Y. Missions, | $478 13 | |
| | do. do. Collections for Jews, | 96 00 | |
| | | 574 13 | |
| | Expended in the Diocese, | 128 64 | |
| | do. Diocese of Ohio, | 41 00 | |
| | do. do. Missouri, | 50 00 | |
| | do. do. Arkansas and Texas, | 50 00 | |
| | | | 843 77 |
| May 11th, | Balance in hands, | | $38 87 |

Errors Excepted.

Of the amount forwarded to the General Board of Missions, the far larger part was appropriated to Domestic Missions; of which $325 00, were to Missions in our own Diocese. This was in pursuance of an arrangement made with the Treasurer of the Domestic committee, by which we assumed one half of the support of our own Missions for the year. Our Missionaries were thus enabled to receive their salaries punctually, and were spared the disappointment and distress, which resulted to so many of our Domestic Missionaries, from the failure of the Domestic committee of the General Board, (from deficiency of funds,) to meet their engagements. The Committee are persuaded that we must rely more and more on ourselves, for the support and extension of Missionary operations within our own limits.

It will be perceived that the sum of $96 00 has been appropriated to the Jewish Mission. Of this amount $50 had been subscribed and contributed some years ago, by friends of the Jews, and no advisable mode of employing it for the conveying to that people of the Gospel of Christ, having been proposed, it had remained in the hands of the Treasurer unapplied. The effort that is now undertaken by the Church, through the Rev. Mr. Labagh, for their spiritual welfare, is so promising of good, that the Treasurer felt warranted in forwarding this amount to be appropriated towards the Jewish Chapel to be erected in the city of New York. The remaining sum of $46 was contributed on Good Friday, for this object, in answer to a proposition for a general collection on that day in behalf of the house of Israel. The Churches contributing were,

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| Trinity, Wilmington, | $8 50 |
| St. Andrew's, do. | 20 00 |
| Sunday School of do. | 7 50 |
| Immanuel, New Castle, | 10 00 |
| | $46 00 |

It is a gratifying fact, and one which should be borne in mind, that the zealous and highly qualified Missionary of the Church an[illegible]rs, is a clergyman of our Diocese.

The committee notice with much pleasure the commendable example which is given to the ladies of our Church, by the Female Missionary Society of Trinity Church.—The large contributions of this zealous and successful association, have been devoted to the assistance of our own Missionaries, and to the relief of some of those labourers in the West who have suffered most severely, by the non-payment of their expected stipends. Doubtless these benefactions have lightened many heavy hearts, and cheered those that had been almost ready to faint.

In concluding their Report, the Committee would only regret, that the names of any of our Parishes should be wanting among the contributors to this good work. Can those who have nothing to bestow upon such an object, "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said,—It is more blessed to give, than to receive?"

ALFRED LEE,
J. W. McCULLOUGH,
E. H. THOMAS,
EDMUND CANBY.

*Wilmington, May 12th,* 1846.

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The Bishop called the attention of the Convention to his Annual Address, which he now proceeded to deliver.

## ADDRESS,

*To the Clerical and Lay Members of the Fifty-Sixth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Delaware.*

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:—Through the kind Providence of our Heavenly Father we are again permitted to meet in our Annual Convention, and I proceed to discharge that duty which requires me to lay before you the official labours of another year.

Soon after the close of our last Convention, I attended

the Annual Meeting of the Board of Missions in the city of New York. I was also present during a part of the Session of the Board of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, on the 25th and 26th of June.

On the seventh Sunday after Trinity, July 6th, in Immanuel Church, New Castle, I admitted to the order of Deacons, Mr. Andrew Field Freeman.

On the 23d of September, I attended and took part in the services at the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Potter to the Episcopate of Pennsylvania. Previously to this happy consummation of so many wishes and prayers, I had continued, at the request of the Standing Committee of that Diocese, to perform occasional Episcopal duties therein, and have felt gratified to be able to make some return for the oversight and labour extended to our own Diocese, in former years, by the Bishops of Pennsylvania during our destitution of the Episcopate. My services therein, from the adjournment of the last Convention until the date of Dr. Potter's consecration, were, the Consecration of one Church, and the laying the corner-stone of another, the displacing from the Ministry of a Presbyter who had renounced the same, the ordaining of one Deacon, and preaching four times. The ordination referred to brings sadly to my mind, the early, and to human judgment, untimely removal from his earthly labours, of the gentleman then admitted to the sacred Ministry, the Rev. Albert W. Duy. Seldom has greater promise of usefulness to the Church of Christ been suddenly blighted than in the summons, after a few short months of ministerial labour, of this lamented servant of God to a holier world.

On the 24th of September, I was present at the Consecration, by Bishop Potter, of the Church of the Nativity, Philadelphia.

On the 23d Sunday after Trinity, October 26th, in St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, I admitted to the holy order of Deacons, Mr. George David Cummins, formerly a Minister of the Methodist Episcopal Communion, and at

the same time and place, ordained the Rev. Isaac P. Labagh to the Priesthood. This gentleman has been continuing his labours in behalf of the lost sheep of the house of Israel with much zeal, and not without encouragement. He has succeeded in awakening in many parts of our Church a greater interest than was felt before for the evangelization of the ancient people of God. This was evidenced by a collection very appropriately made on Good Friday, in many of our Churches, for the purpose of sustaining this Mission, a measure, in which, when suggested by our Missionary, I was happy to concur.

During the month of November, I made the autumnal visitation of the Diocese. During this visitation, on the 8th November, in St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, at the request of Bishop Potter, I admitted to the Presbyterate, the Rev. Erasmus J. P. Messenger, of Pennsylvania, who had devoted himself to the self-denying life and labours of a Missionary of our Board in Western Africa.

On the 7th of January, 1846, I attended the Consecration of St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania, by the Bishop of the Diocese, and at his request preached the Sermon on the occasion.

During the present Spring I have completed a second full visitation of our Churches.

The services performed during the year have been as follows:—I have preached in Grace Church, Brandywine Hundred, three times: In Trinity Church, Wilmington, four times: At New Castle County Alms House, once: In St. James' Church, Staunton, twice: in St. Thomas' Church, Newark, twice: At Du Pont's Mills, once: In St. Ann's, Middletown, three times: In St. Peter's, Smyrna, twice: At Dover, twice: In Christ Church, Milford, twice: In St. Matthew's Church, Cedar Creek, twice: At Milton, three times: In St. Peter's Church, Lewes, four times: In St. George's Chapel and neighbourhood, four times: In St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, six times: In Prince George's Church, Dagsboro',

twice: At Millsboro', twice: In St. John's Church, Little Hill, and neighbourhood, three times: In Christ Church, Broad Creek, once: In St. Luke's Church, Seaford, three times: At Laurel, once: In all, omitting St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, fifty-seven times. Without the Diocese eleven times.

*Confirmed,* in Trinity Church, Wilmington, two persons: in St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, four: In Immanuel Church, New Castle, three: In St. Thomas' Church, Newark, three: In St. Ann's Church, Middletown, fourteen: In and for Christ Church, Milford, five: In St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, one: Total thirty-two.

On several occasions I have administered the Holy Communion, and have baptized seven infants.

*Clerical Changes.*—I was gratified to report last year the unprecedented circumstance that every congregation in the Diocese was supplied with Pastoral services. It is not in my power to repeat the same agreeable intelligence. Four of our Parishes are at present vacant. The Rev. John Long has resigned his Missionary Station, comprising St. Luke's Church, Seaford; Christ Church, Broad Creek, and St. John's Church, Little Hill. The Rev. Kensey J. Stewart has resigned Grace Church, Brandywine Hundred. The Rev. Thomas D. Ozanne resigned, in July last, St. Ann's Church, Middletown, and St. Peter's Church, Smyrna. He was succeeded without delay by the Rev. Andrew F. Freeman, under whose labours the first named interesting and ancient Parish appears highly prosperous.

Letters of dismission have been granted as follows:—July 11th, 1845, to the Rev. Peter S. Burchan, to the Diocese of New York: August 15th, 1845, to the Rev. David Pise, Jr., to Western New York: September 24th, 1845, to the Rev. George Allen, to Pennsylvania: October 30th, 1845, to the Rev. Samuel D. Denison, to Rhode Island: April 13th, 1846, to the Rev. Kensey J. Stewart, to Pennsylvania: May 8th, 1846, to the Rev. John Long, to Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Thomas D. Ozanne had leave of absence for six months, from August 1st, 1845, since extended for a like period.

The Candidates for orders reported in my address of last year have both been ordained as herein before stated: and none have since been added to the list.

The Report of the Missionary Committee will shew an advance of liberality and zeal in supporting that cause which may well excite our gratitude, and to maintain which, at its present standard, will require the united and vigorous efforts of our Churches.

We cannot but confess at this time, brethren, our great need throughout all the Churches, of the quickening influences of God's Holy Spirit. "Except the Lord build the house, their labour is but vain that build it." There is cause for earnest and importunate prayer to "the Giver of every good and perfect gift," for those influences of His grace which make the word preached effectual to "the turning of the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just." Let them "that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence."

We are not unfrequently reminded, on the occasions of our meeting together in Convention, of the brief date assigned to our earthly cares and labours, by the absence from our midst of those who had been wont to mingle in our greetings and deliberations. The past year has taken from us one who had been a frequent member of this body, almost from the period of its first meeting, and whose deep interest in whatever concerned our Zion, and open-handed liberality entitle him to be held in affectionate remembrance by his brethren. Col. Samuel Paynter was one of a former generation of churchmen, (of whom very few now remain to us,) who continued true and stedfast to their venerable mother during a period of gloom and depression. Let the increased responsibility which devolves upon those who succeed them be deeply felt, and may it be with a chastened spirit, and an earnest desire to serve and glorify

our God, that we engage in the duties and labours bequeathed to us by fathers and brethren whose "places know them no more." ALFRED LEE.

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It was, on motion, *Resolved*, That five hundred copies of the Charge, delivered this morning by the Bishop of of the Diocese, be printed.

On motion, the Convention now proceeded to the election of a Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

The Rev. Mr. Childs and the Rev. Mr. Freeman of the Clergy, and Mr. Richard Lockwood and Mr. Thomas W. Burton of the Laity, were appointed tellers, who, upon counting the ballots, reported the election of the following gentlemen.

Rev. Dr. McCullough,
" W. E. Franklin, } Of the Clergy.
" Thomas Billopp,

Mr. William T. Read, } Of the Laity.
" George B. Rodney,

Whereupon the Chair declared the above named gentlemen, to be the Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Delegates to the General Convention.

The same tellers acted, at the request of the Chair, and reported the election after several different ballotings of the following gentlemen:

Rev. Walter E. Franklin,
" John W. McCullough, } Of the Clergy.
" John L. McKim,
" Thomas Billopp,

William T. Read,
George W. Cummins, } Esqrs. Of the Laity.
Edward
Thomas

The Chair then declared the above named gentlemen, to be the Delegates to the General Convention from this Diocese.

At the request of the Chair, the Secretary read the following Canon for the benefit and instruction of the members of the Convention.

## CANON IX.

### *Of the Missionary and Education Committee.*

SECT. 1. At each Annual Convention there shall be appointed a Committee, consisting of the Bishop of the Diocese, ex-officio, and two Clergymen and two Laymen elected by ballot, to be called the Missionary and Education Committee, to which shall be entrusted the charge of conducting the operations of the Church in behalf of Missions, Education, and benevolent objects connected therewith. This Committee shall elect a Secretary and Treasurer, and report their doings to the next stated Convention.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of every Parish to raise contributions for the purposes designated in the following section, by collection or otherwise, monthly or oftener, which shall be remitted quarterly to the Treasurer.

SECT. 3. The Committee shall employ the funds so transmitted to them, in the support of Missionaries laboring within this Diocese, (such Missionaries being always nominated by the Bishop,) or transmit the same, or a portion thereof, to the Domestic or the Foreign Committee of the General Board of Missions; or employ a portion thereof in assisting deserving and indigent candidates for the sacred Ministry in their necessary preparation for the same; or in the erection or repair of Churches in feeble Parishes, at their discretion. But any Parish or donor may direct the application, wholly or in part, of their contributions, which directions shall be strictly observed.

It was, on motion, *Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention be held in St. Paul's Church, Georgetown.

The Committee to whom was referred the Sixth Canon of the General Convention of 1844, entitled, "Of a discretion to be allowed in the Calling, Trial, and Examination of Deacons in certain cases," requested leave to report, that one of their number being absent, and the remaining number not being able to agree, they ask leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WALTER E. FRANKLIN,
JOHN A. CHILDS.

It was moved and seconded, that the Bishop of the Diocese be requested to admit persons to the Order of Deacons, under the limitations and restrictions prescribed by Canon 6th of the General Convention of 1844. Some debate having arisen on this subject, it was made the order for the day, for to-morrow morning at half past nine o'clock.

The Trustee of the Glebe, belonging to Christ Church, Dover, presented a Report, which was read; and on motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Convention approve said Report; and the Secretary was ordered to file it.

A Resolution was offered, relative to the property belonging to Christ Church, Dover, which after being considerably discussed, was withdrawn by the mover, for modification.

The account of Messrs. Wilson & Heald, of Wilmington, for printing Journal, &c. of 1844 and 1845, was presented, read, and ordered to be paid.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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CHRIST CHURCH, MILFORD,
Thursday, May 28th, 1846.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The Order for Daily Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. John A. Childs, assisted in the Lessons by the Rev. Andrew F. Freeman.

The Convention was called to order by the Chair, and the Secretary called the Roll. The minutes of yesterday afternoon's proceedings were read, and, after a slight amendment, were approved.

The following Preamble and Resolution were offered as a substitute for the Resolution which was withdrawn last evening, for modification, viz:—

Whereas it appears to this Convention, that there is at this time, no regular, organized Vestry in Christ Church, Dover; and whereas, it hath been represented to this Convention, by George W. Cummins, Esq., the Trustee appointed by the Convention of 1844, to take charge of the Glebe, belonging to said Church, near Dover, once valuable, tenantable, and in good order and repair, that it has become much reduced, exposed, and unprofitable, and is now rapidly tending to ruin and waste;—therefore, for the interest we feel for that part of the Church, and the anxiety we have for its general welfare; and it appearing to this Convention that the interest of said Church would be greatly promoted by the sale of the said lands. *Be it Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed, and vested with authority to take such steps as in their judgment may be necessary to effect a sale of said lands; and that the said Committee be authorized to invest the proceeds of the sale of said lands, in the Capital Stock of some Bank within this State, or otherwise, as they may deem most expedient; and that the dividends or interest, arising from such investment, be likewise invested, as the same may from time to time be received; and that such investments be made in the name, and for the benefit of said Christ Church at Dover.

The above Preamble and Resolution were adopted; and the Chair was requested to appoint the Committee to act in the case.

Mr. George W. Cummins and Mr. John Cloak, asked, and obtained, leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The Order for the day was now called up, viz:—the

Resolution offered yesterday, "that the Bishop be requested to admit persons to the Order of Deacons, under the limitations and restrictions prescribed by Canon VI. of the General Convention of 1844."

Some discussion took place, when the following Resolution, was offered as a substitute for the original Resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Bishop of the Diocese, be, and he is, hereby, requested, by this Convention, to admit from time to time, as occasion may require, to the Holy Order of Deacons, persons, not tried and examined as prescribed in the Canons, "Of Candidates for Orders,"—"Of the learning of those who are to be Ordained," and "Of the preparatory exercises of a Candidate for Deacon's Orders,"—under the limitations and restrictions of Canon sixth, "Of a discretion to be allowed in the Calling, Trial, and examination of Deacons in certain cases,"—adopted in the General Convention of 1844.

A long and full debate having ensued upon the above offered substitute, it was on motion,

*Resolved*, That the whole subject be postponed, and that a Committee of five be appointed to consider and report upon it at the next Annual Convention.

The following gentlemen were appointed the Committee:

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| Rev. Dr. McCullough, | Hon. Caleb S. Layton, |
| " John A. Childs, | Edward Wootten, Esq. |
| " John L. McKim, | |

The following gentlemen were appointed by the Chair, the Committee on the Glebe belonging to Christ Church, Dover.

Geo. W. Cummins,
Wm. T. Read, } Esquires.
Edward Wootten,

*Resolved*, That the Journal of this Convention be printed and distributed, in accordance with the Rules of the Conventions of 1843 and 1845.

Nominations were made for members of the Missionary and Education Committee. The Chair appointed Rev. Mr. McKim, and Aquila Pritchard, tellers; who, after counting the ballots, reported the election of the several persons nominated; and the Chair thereupon declared the Committee to consist of the following gentlemen:

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| Rev. Dr. McCullough, | Evan H. Thomas, |
| " Thomas Billopp, | Edmund Canby, Esqrs. |

The following Resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention, be, and they are hereby, tendered to the Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church, Milford, for the use of said Church, during the Convention of 1846; and to the citizens of Milford, for their kindness and hospitality to the members of said Convention.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be directed to pay to the Sexton of Christ Church, Milford, the usual amount for his services during the session of this Convention.

*Resolved*, That after the usual Religious exercises, the Convention adjourn, *sine die*.

The minutes of this morning's proceedings were read and adopted.

The members united in Singing the four last verses of the 99th Psalm; after which Prayer was offered, and the Benediction pronounced by the Bishop, and the Convention adjourned.

Attest, THOS. BILLOPP, Secretary.

## *STANDING COMMITTEE ELECTED MAY*, 1846.

Rev. Dr. McCullough,
" Walter E. Franklin,
" Thos. Billopp,
Wm. T. Read, Esq.
Geo. B. Rodney, Esq.

## *DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION ELECTED MAY*, 1846.

Rev. Walter E. Franklin,
" J. W. McCullough, D. D.
" John L. McKim,
" Thomas Billopp,
Wm. T. Read,
Geo. W. Cummins,
Edward Wootten,
Thomas Blandy, Esqrs.

## *MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE.*

Right Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D., ex officio *Chairman*.

Rev. Dr. McCullough,
" Thomas Billopp, } Of the Clergy.

Evan H. Thomas,
Edmund Canby, Esqrs. } Of the Laity.

## *TRUSTEES OF THE BISHOPS FUND ELECTED MAY*, 1845.

Hon. James Booth,
James W. Thomson, M. D.,
Gen. Richard Mansfield,
William T. Read, Esq.,
Caleb S. Layton, Esq.

Treasurer of the Convention, and of the Missionary and Education Committee, EVAN H. THOMAS, Esq.

Secretary of the Convention, Rev. THOMAS BILLOPP, New Castle.

# APPENDIX.

## PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

### Grace Church, Brandywine Hundred.

The undersigned respectfully reports, that in addition to the weekly services of this Church, in which I have been aided by the Rev. Z. H. Mansfield, I have occasionally officiated in St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, in the absence of the Bishop; and also have visited several Churches of New Castle and Kent Counties, as Agent for the Committee for Foreign Missions. I have solemnized one Marriage. The number of Communicants is —.

K. I. STEWART.

Wilmington, April 10th, 1846.

### St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington.

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| Baptized—Adults 1, Infants 17—Total, | | | | | 18 |
| Confirmed, | | | | | 4 |
| Communicants—Removed, | | | | | 15 |
| " | Stricken from the List, | | | | 2 |
| " | Suspended, | | | | 1 |
| " | Added, | | | | 12 |
| " | Present number, | | | | 124 |
| Marriages, | | | | | 8 |
| Funerals, | | | | | 6 |
| Catechumens, Sunday School, | | | | | |
| | Teachers—male, | 10: | Female, | 17— | 27 |
| | Scholars—male, | 117: | Female, | 128— | 245 |
| | Bible Class taught by the Rector, " | | | | 30 |

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| Contributions—Missionary offerings in Church | | 187 | 77 |
| do. | Sunday School, | 59 | 14 |
| do. | Sewing Society, | 18 | 00 |
| do. | Prayer Book & Tract S. | 16 | 25 |
| | | 281 | 16 |
| Episcopal and Convention Funds, | | 30 | 00 |

Other purposes. Reduction of debt on the Church.

Public Services on Sundays twice; other days, Friday Evenings for nin months—Wednesday mornings during Lent.

ALFRED LEE, Rector.

Remarks:—This Congregation has outwardly prospered during the ye past. The Rector has reason to acknowledge with satisfaction the gener

attendance upon religious services and concurrence in what he has recommended. An Association for the circulation of Prayer Books and Tracts has been formed and has engaged to some extent in this good work. The Rector must however lament the indifference of too many of his hearers to the subject of personal religion, and confess that the spiritual harvest of the year past has been but small. The effort alluded to in the Report of last year for the gradual liquidation of the debt on the Church has resulted in the subscription of $4,280 for that purpose.

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TRINITY CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

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| Baptized—Infants, | | | 25 |
| Confirmed, | | | 2 |
| Communicants—Died, | | | 4 |
| Removed, | | | 4 |
| Withdrawn, | | | 2 |
| Repelled or Suspended, | | | 6 |
| Names erased as errors, | | | 3 |
| Added, | | | 10 |
| Present number, | | | 135 |
| Marriages, | | | 3 |
| Catechumens in Sunday Schools, | | | |
| Teachers—male, —: | Female, — | | |
| Scholars—male, —: | Female, — | | |
| Contributions—Missionary offerings, | 111 36 | | |
| Ladies' Missionary Society, | 225 00 | | |
| | | 336 | 36 |
| Convention Funds, | | 15 | 00 |
| Public services on Sundays—In Trinity Church & Chapel, | | 104 | |
| At Du Pont's Powder Mills, | | 24 | |
| On other days, | | 60 | |
| Total, | | 188 | |

J. W. McCULLOUGH, Rector.

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IMMANUEL CHURCH, NEW CASTLE.

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| Baptized—Adult 1, Infants 8—Total, | | | 9 |
| Confirmed, | | | 3 |
| Communicants—Died, | | | 1 |
| Removed, | | | 5 |
| Incorrectly reported last year, | | | 7 |
| Added, | | | 10 |
| Present number, | | | 42 |
| Marriages, | | | 3 |
| Funerals, | | | 7 |
| Catechumens in Bible Classes, | | | 12 |
| Sunday School—Teachers—male, 5: | Female, 8—Total, | | 13 |
| Scholars—male, 42: | Female, 45—Total, | | 87 |
| Contributions—Missionary, | $119 00 | | |
| Episcopal and Convention Funds, | 32 50 | | |
| Other purposes, | 17 00 | | |
| | | 168 | 50 |

Public Services on Sundays, and other holy days, as prescribed by the Book of Common Prayer.

THOMAS BILLOPP, Rector.

REMARKS:—Although the present number of Communicants is less, than was last reported, still it will appear, after making the necessary reduction for *error* in that Report, that the number at this time is actually greater; and the Rector is therefore justified in believing that his labours have not been wholly unaccompanied by the Divine blessing. He trusts however, that during another twelve month, much more will be accomplished; and that those of his flock, both young and old, who are now apparently slothful and indifferent, will be led by God's grace, to think seriously, and to act decidedly, in those "things that make for their everlasting peace."

In addition to the contributions specified above, appropriations have been made for the benefit of the Sunday School and Parish Libraries; and some valuable works have been added to both, during the past Conventional year.

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ST. JAMES' CHURCH, STAUNTON.

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|---|---|---|
| Communicants—Present number, | | 10 |
| Catechumens in Bible Classes and Sunday Schools, | | |
| | Teachers—male 2: Female 2—Total | 4 |
| | Scholars—male and female—Total | 23 |
| Contributions—Missionary, Dom. | | $1 81½ |
| | Episcopal and Convention Funds, | |
| | Other purposes, | |
| Public Services on Sundays, 19. | | |

WALTER E. FRANKLIN, Rector.

REMARKS:—This Congregation is small and the services of the Church have been somewhat intermitted during the winter. Besides the above reported services, there have been others held by one of the Wardens, who acts as a Lay reader by the authority of the Bishop. There are discouraging circumstances in the affairs of this Church, but its Rector indulges the hope that with the blessing of God it may yet revive and flourish.

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ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, NEWARK.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Adults 1, Infants 2—Total | | 3 |
| Confirmed, | | 3 |
| Communicants—Removed, | | 3 |
| | Added, | 3 |
| | Present number, | 10 |
| Marriages, | | 1 |
| Catechumens in Bible Classes and Sunday Schools, | | |
| | Teachers—male 2: Female 3—Total | 5 |
| | Scholars—male 8: Female 8—Total | 16 |
| Contributions—Missionary, Foreign $3 04 Dom. $6 53—9 57 | | |
| | Board of Trustees appointed by Con'n. 4 36½ | |
| Public Services on Sundays, 73; other days 4 | | 77 |

WALTER E. FRANKLIN, Rector.

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ST. ANN'S CHURCH, MIDDLETOWN.

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|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Adults 3, Infants 7—Total | | 10 |
| Confirmed, | | 14 |
| Communicants—Removed, | | 2 |
| | Added, | 16 |
| | Present number, | 41 |

Marriages, - - - - - - - - 6
Funerals, - - - - - - - - - 8
Catechumens in Bible Classes and Sunday Schools,
Teachers—male 2: Female 6—Total 8
Scholars—Total, about 40
Contributions—Missionary, $22 75
Episcopal and Convention Funds, 17 00
Public Services on Sundays, 37; other days 3—Total, 40.

A. F. FREEMAN.

May 26th, 1846.

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ST. PETER'S CHURCH, SMYRNA.

Communicants—Present number, - - - 5
Contributions—Missionary, - - - 00
Episcopal and Convention Funds, $7 50
Other purposes.
Public Services on Sundays, 36.

A. F. FREEMAN.

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CHRIST CHURCH, MILFORD.

Baptized—Infants - - - - - - 3
Confirmed, - - - - - - - - 3
Communicants—Removed, - - - - - 2
Added, - - - - - - - 3
Present number, - - - 13
Funerals, - - - - - - - 1
Contributions—Missionary,
Episcopal and Convention Funds,
Other purposes,
Public Services on Sundays, 23; other days 1—Total, 24

JOHN L. McKIM, Rector.

May 27th, 1846.

REMARKS:—Our efforts to re-organize the Sunday School of this Parish, have not as yet been successful.

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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GEORGETOWN.

Baptized—Adults 1, Infants 3—Total, - - - 4
Confirmed, - - - - - - - - 1
Communicants—Removed, - - - - - 1
Added, - - - - - - - 3
Present number, - - - 15
Marriages, - - - - - - - - 3
Funerals, - - - - - - - - 4
Catechumens in Bible Classes and Sunday Schools,
Teachers—male, 2: Female, 5—Total, 7
Scholars—male, 12: Female, 22—Total, 34
Contributions—Missionary,
Episcopal and Convention Funds, $10 00
Other purposes.
Public services on Sundays, 52; other days, 2—Total, 54

JOHN L. McKIM, Rector.

### St. Matthew's Church, Cedar Creek.

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|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Infants, | | 2 |
| Confirmed, | | 1 |
| Communicants—Died, | | 1 |
| Present number, | | 7 |
| Funerals, | | 1 |
| Contributions—Missionary, | | |
| Episcopal and Convention Funds, | $5 00 | |
| Other purposes. | | |
| Public Services on Sundays, 13; other days 1—Total, | | 14 |

JOHN L. McKIM, Rector.

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### St. Peter's Church, Lewes.

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|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Infants, | | 1 |
| Communicants—Died, | | 1 |
| Removed, | | 3 |
| Present number, | | 30 |
| Marriages, | | 1 |
| Funerals, | | 4 |
| Catechumens in Bible Classes and Sunday Schools, | | |
| Teachers—male, —: Female, | | — |
| Scholars—male, —: Female, | | — |
| Contributions—Missionary, | $24 38 | |
| Episcopal and Convention Funds, | 21 00 | |
| Other purposes. | | |
| Public Services on Sundays, 29; other days, 15—Total, | | 44 |

JNO. A. CHILDS, Rector.

Remarks:—There is here as in other Churches under my Pastoral care, an increase in the numbers attending worship, and perhaps a general improvement. Of the Funerals mentioned above, one is that of Col. Samuel Paynter, long time an officer in this Parish, and a delegate in the Diocesan and General Conventions. His efficient services will be long remembered by the Church in this Diocese. I would here observe, that I am in the habit of attending and superintending the Sunday School in this place every other Sunday, when not Providentially hindered.

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### St. George's Chapel, Indian River.

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|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Infants, | | 1 |
| Communicants—Removed, | | 1 |
| Present number, | | 23 |
| Marriages, | | 1 |
| Funerals, | | 2 |
| Contributions—Missionary, | $6 44 | |
| Public Services on Sundays, 21. | | |

JNO. A. CHILDS, Rector.

Remarks:—The attendance is generally much better now, than it was when I first entered on my Ministry here. I think there is encouragement. During the last Summer, there was a Sunday School in operation, but it was discontinued during the winter, and has not yet been re-opened.

PRINCE GEORGE'S CHURCH, DAGSBOROUGH.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Communicants—Died, | | | 1 |
| | Removed, | | 6 |
| | Added, | | 1 |
| | Present number, | | 13 |
| Funerals, | | | 2 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, | | | 4 |
| | Scholars, | | 18 |
| Contributions—Missionary, | | $2 19 | |
| | Episcopal and Convention Funds, | | |
| | Other purposes. | | |
| Public Services on Sundays, | | | 29 |

JNO. A. CHILDS, Rector.

REMARKS:—The past year has been one of discouragement. It will be seen that one of our Communicants has died, and several removed. During the winter generally, there has been no Congregation at Dagsborough—and of the services mentioned above the principal part have been at Millsborough. I endeavour at the present to superintend the Sunday School every other Sunday at Millsborough. I may observe that the attendance has increased since the Spring—and is perhaps better in both places now than hitherto.

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, LITTLE HILL.

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|---|---|---|
| Baptisms—Infants, | | 5 |
| Communicants—Died, | | 1 |
| | Added, | 13 |
| | Present number, | 33 |
| Marriages, | | 2 |
| Funerals, | | 3 |
| Catechumens in Bible Class and Sunday School, | | |
| | Teachers—male 2: Female 1—Total, | 3 |
| | Scholars—male 15: Female 10—Total, | 25 |
| Public Service on Sundays 10; other days 4—Total | | 14 |

JOHN LONG, Missionary.

REMARKS:—The attendance at this Church continues large; and there is manifestly a great improvement among the members of the Church. The things which pertain to their everlasting peace are more highly esteemed; and the love of Jesus felt in their hearts; and a cheering evidence of their growth "in grace and in knowledge of Jesus Christ our Lord." God's holy name be praised, for the abundant and precious fruit already seen in this portion of his vineyard! Thus may it be, and more abundant!

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CHRIST CHURCH, BROAD CREEK.

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|---|---|---|
| Baptisms—Infants, | | 16 |
| Communicants—Added, | | 1 |
| | Present number, | 9 |
| Marriages, | | 1 |
| Funerals, | | 1 |
| Public services on Sundays 9; other days 5—Total, | | 14 |

JOHN LONG, Missionary.

REMARKS:—This Congregation although small, is one of some interest. In consequence of my illness during the last six months, I have been able to

officiate in this Church but twice, and in St. John's, four times; so that from several disappointments, the attendance in both has been smaller than usual. There are many devoted to the Church in this small Congregation; and not a few, I humbly trust, devoted to the Lord Jesus Christ.

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ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SEAFORD.

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|---|---|
| Baptisms—Infants, | 6 |
| Communicants—Added, | 5 |
| Removed, | 1 |
| Present number, | 16 |
| Funerals, | 3 |
| Catechumens in Bible Classes and Sunday Schools, Scholars 20—Teachers 5. | |
| Public Services on Sundays 20; other days 1—Total, | 21 |
| In other places in the Diocese, | 8 |

JOHN LONG, Missionary.

REMARKS:—This Congregation continues to be one of interest and promise. If regular service be continued here, by God's blessing, much good will be accomplished. There is an increasing desire to attend our services; and not only so, but with some, a good desire to know Him who alone can deliver from the wrath to come. I regret very much I must leave my present field of labour. Here I humbly hope I have not laboured in vain; and have evidence of the strong attachment of my people. I leave with them, my earnest prayers for their salvation, that they may be saved, and hear from the Saviour's lips, "well done good and faithful servants, enter ye into the joy of your Lord." May the Lord send them a more worthy, devoted and successful Minister than I have been; one who shall gather many souls into the fold of Jesus. Amen.

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REPORT OF THE REV. ISAAC P. LABAGH.

I herewith forward a Report of my Missionary labours during the past year:—Ever since the recommendation of the Board of Missions at their last Annual meeting, to erect a Chapel for the Mission to the Jews in this city, I have been more or less engaged in soliciting funds necessary to carry this measure into effect. Finding a great deal of apathy in the Church on this subject, I have generally spent my Sundays in preaching from place to place, with a view of awakening a deeper interest in the Spiritual welfare of the ancient people of God. As this is a Mission of the whole Church, I thought it proper to extend my labours farther than the immediate vicinity of New York. Accordingly, during the winter, I visited the Southern States, and am glad to be able to say, met with much encouragement;—the Bishops and Clergy generally favoring the enterprise and recommending it to the people. The Good Friday collection though by no means general, has still yielded over $2,000; which together with other subscriptions obtained, and a sum in the hands of the Foreign Committee amounting to about $1,200, will warrant us to commence the erection of an edifice.

Besides preaching on Sundays in behalf of the Mission, I have, except when absent from New York, been engaged in Missionary labours among the Jews during the week days, visiting them at their houses, explaining the Scriptures and circulating Tracts among them. Though no cases of conversion have occurred, yet I am much encouraged from their willingness to hear what I have

to say and read the Tracts given them. The present is the seed time, and as the husbandman when he has sown his seed "waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth and hath long patience for it until he receive the early and latter rain," so must I. This seems to be the order of the Divine Government. I labour at present to much disadvantage having no place of worship; this obstacle, I hope, will soon be removed. That there is a blessing in store for the ancient people of God, I have no doubt, and that the Church is to be the instrument of conveying it I have no doubt, if faithful to our trust, we shall in due season reap, if we faint not.

I deeply regret my necessary absence from the Convention this year, and earnestly hope that He who presided in the Council of the blessed Apostles, may be present in the Convention to direct, sanctify and govern.

ISAAC P. LABAGH.

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WILMINGTON, May 11th, 1846.

Since the last Convention, I have been occupied with the care of a School. Inability, to speak in large rooms, has prevented my conducting the devotions of the sanctuary, or preaching the gospel, except on a few occasions in the small and feeble Parish of Grace Church, Brandywine, and on one occasion in Connecticut. I have twice assisted in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and once performed the marriage rite.

Z. H. MANSFIELD.

Right Rev. A. LEE.

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REPORT OF THE REV. CORRY CHAMBERS.

The undersigned respectfully reports that has been chiefly engaged, since our last Convention in the education of young gentlemen, during which time, however, he has, in the absence of the Rector of the Parish, performed a few acts worthy of record, viz:

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| Baptism, | 1 |
| Marriages, | 2 |
| Funerals, | 3 |

CORRY CHAMBERS.

May 27th, 1846.

The following is the amount of Assessment on each Parish in the Diocese for the support of the Episcopate, which is to be remitted semi-annually, to the Treasurer of the Convention:

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|---|---|
| Trinity Church, Wilmington, | $67 50 |
| St. Andrew's Church, do. | 62 00 |
| Immanuel Church, New Castle, | 21 00 |
| St. Ann's Church, Middletown, | 20 50 |
| St. Peter's Church, Lewes, | 15 00 |
| St. John's Church, Little Hill, | 16 50 |
| St. George's Chapel, Indian River, | 11 50 |
| St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, | 7 50 |
| Christ Church, Milford, | 6 50 |
| Prince George's Church, Dagsborough, | 6 50 |
| Christ Church, Broad Creek, | 4 50 |
| St. Luke's Church, Seaford, | 8 00 |
| St. Matthew's Church, Cedar Creek, | 3 50 |
| Grace Church, Brandywine, | 6 50 |
| St. James' Church, Staunton, | 5 00 |
| St. Thomas' Church, Newark, | 5 00 |
| St. Peter's Church, Smyrna, | 2 50 |

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The following table exhibits the sum which each Parish is required to contribute to the Convention Fund in accordance with Canon X.

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|---|---|
| St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, | $15 00 |
| Trinity Church, do. | 15 00 |
| Immanuel Church, | 10 00 |
| St. Ann's Church, Middletown, | 10 00 |
| St. Peter's Church, Lewes, | 8 00 |
| St. John's Church, Little Hill, | 8 00 |
| St. George's Chapel, Indian River, | 6 00 |
| Grace Church, Brandywine, | 5 00 |
| St. Thomas' Church, Newark, | 5 00 |
| St. James' Church, Staunton, | 5 00 |
| St. Peter's Church, Smyrna, | 5 00 |
| Christ Church, Milford, | 5 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, | 5 00 |
| Prince George's Church, Dagsborough, | 5 00 |
| St. Luke's Church, Seaford, | 5 00 |
| Christ Church, Broad Creek, | 5 00 |
| St. Matthew's Church, Cedar Creek, | 5 00 |

*DR. Evan H. Thomas, Treasurer, Diocese of Delaware.*

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| 1845 May 28. | To cash received at Convention from the following Churches: | |
| | Trinity Church, Wilmington, Convention dues as per assessment, - - - - - - - | $15 00 |
| | Do. do. Bishop's Fund, $80 50, bal. | 45 00 |
| | St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, Convention Fund, | 15 00 |
| | St. James' Church, Staunton, for Convention Fund $5, Bishop's Fund $9, - - - - - - | 14 00 |
| | Immanuel Church, New Castle, Convention Fund $10, Bishop's Fund $22 50, - - - - | 32 50 |
| | St. Ann's Church, Middletown, Convention Fund $6, Bishop's Fund $13, - - - - - - | 19 00 |
| | St. Thomas' Church, Newark. Convention Fund, - | 5 00 |
| | St. Peter's Church, Smyrna, Convention Fund $5, Bishop's Fund $3, - - - - - - - | 8 00 |
| | Christ Church, Milford, Convention Fund, - | 5 00 |
| | St. Matthew's Church, Cedar Creek, Convention Fund, | 5 00 |
| | St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, for Convention Fund two years, - - - - - - - | 10 00 |
| | St. Luke's Church, Seaford, Convention Fund, - | 5 00 |
| | St. George's Chapel, Indian River, Convention Fund, | 6 00 |
| | St. Peter's Church, Lewes, Convention Fund $8, Bishop's Fund $16, - - - - - - | 24 00 |
| Oct. 11. | St. Ann's Church, Middletown, Bishop's Fund, - | 5 00 |
| Dec. 11. | St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, for Bishop's Fund, | 75 00 |
| 1846 May 8. | St. James' Church, Staunton, for Convention Fund $5, Bishop's Fund, $5, - - - - - - | 10 00 |
| | | 298 50 |

*Evan H. Thomas, Treasurer, Diocese of Delaware.* CR.

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| 1845 May 1. | To balance due Treasurer at this date on settlement by Convention, - - - - - - | $14 82 |
| " 20. | " Cash paid Bishop Lee, under a resolution of the Convention, per receipt No. 13, - - - | 13 75 |
| " 27. | " Cash paid do., a further sum, under resolution, per receipt No. 14, - - - - - - | 8 00 |
| " " | " Cash paid Dr. J. F. Wilson, Secretary of Convention, account allowed per receipt No. 15, - - | 6 25 |
| " 31. | " Cash paid Bishop Lee, under a resolution of the Convention, per receipt No. 16, - - - | 84 25 |
| " " | " Cash paid Sexton of St. Andrew's Church, for attendance on Convention, per receipt No. 17, - | 4 00 |
| " " | " Cash paid Wilson & Heald, balance of account for Printing Journals of 1843, per receipt No. 18, - | 48 37 |
| " " | " Cash paid do. on account for Printing the Journals of 1844, per receipt No. 19, - - - | 26 06 |
| Dec. 19. | " Cash paid Bishop Lee, under a resolution of the Con- | |
| 1846 | vention, per receipt No. 20, - - - | 80 00 |
| May 8. | " Cash paid Porter & Naff, per order of the President of the Standing Committee, per receipt No. 21, - | 4 50 |
| " " | Balance remaining in the Treasurer's hands, the sum of five dollars and fifty cents, - - - - | 5 50 |
| | | 298 50 |

Errors Excepted.

E. H. THOMAS, Treasurer.

Wilmington, May 8, 1846.

*DR.* *Supplement to Treasurer's Account.*

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| 1846 | | |
| May 1. | Balance due Convention, - - - - | $5 50 |
| " 2. | Collection of St. Thomas' Church, Newark, Trust Fund, | 4 [illegible] |
| " 27. | " St. Thomas' Church, Newark, Convention Fund $5, Bishop's Fund, $5, - | 10 00 |
| | " Trinity Church, Wilmington, Convention Fund, - - - - - | 15 00 |
| | " St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, Convention Fund, - - - - | 15 00 |
| | " St. Luke's Church, Seaford, Convention Fund, | 5 00 |
| | " St. Ann's Church, Middletown, Convention Fund $6, Bishop's Fund $6, - - | 12 00 |
| | " St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, Convention Fund $5, Bishop's Fund $5, - - | 10 00 |
| | " St. George's Chapel, Convention Fund $6, Bishop's Fund $2, - - - | 8 00 |
| | " St. John's Church, Little Hill, two years, Convention Fund, - - - | 10 00 |
| | " Christ Church, Milford, Convention Fund, | 5 00 |
| | " St. Peter's Church, Lewes, Convention Fund $6, Bishop's Fund $15, - - | 21 00 |
| | " St. Matthew's Church, Cedar Creek, Convention Fund, - - - | 5 00 |
| | " St. Peter's Church, Smyrna, Convention Fund $5, Bishop's Fund $2 50, - | 7 50 |
| | " Immanuel Church, New Castle, Convention Fund $10, Bishop's Fund $22, - | 32 00 |
| | | 165 37 |

*Supplement to Treasurer's Account.* *CR.*

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| 1846 June | Cash paid Rector of Christ Church, Milford, attendance on Convention, - - - - - | $4 00 |
| | Cash paid Rev. Bishop Lee, under a resolution of Convention, - - - - - - - | 40 50 |
| | Cash paid do. do. | 22 00 |
| | Cash paid Wilson & Heald, balance of account of 1844 for Printing Journals, - - - - - | 39 52 |
| | Cash paid do. amount of account allowed for Printing Journal of 1845, and new Minute Book, | 48 13 |
| | Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, Convention Fund $6 85, Trust Fund $4 37 - | 11 22 |
| | | 165 37 |

*The following Dues are outstanding.*

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|---|---|
| Christ Church, Milford, balance, - - - - - | 4 00 |
| St. Peter's Church, Lewes, do. - - - - - | 2 00 |
| Prince George's Church, Dagsborough, - - - | 15 00 |
| Christ Church, Laurel, - - - - - - | 10 00 |
| Grace Church, Brandywine, - - - - - | 20 00 |
| Christ Church, Dover, no payment since 1833. | |

E. H. THOMAS, Treasurer.

## STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, That this Convention be held alternately in each County in this State, at such place as the Convention shall annually appoint.

PASSED AT CONVENTION 1831.

*Resolved*, That in all elections the votes of a majority of all the members present—or if voting by orders, of a majority of all present of the respective orders shall be necessary to a choice.

PASSED AT CONVENTION 1837.

*Resolved*, As the Sense of this Convention, that the ante-communion service ought to be used in all the Churches; and the Clergy hereby engage to use the same. PASSED AT CONVENTION 1838.

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PASSED AT CONVENTION 1844.

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## *AN ACT*

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SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, in General Assembly met*, That the Hon. James Booth, Dr. James W. Thomson, William T. Read, Esq., Caleb S. Layton, Esq., and Gen. Richard Mansfield, be and they are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic, by the name of "The Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Delaware," and by that name shall have perpetual succession; and may purchase, take and receive by deed, gift or otherwise, any property, real, personal or mixed, and have and hold the same, contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded as natural persons: *Provided, however*, that the property of the said corporation and the funds thereof, shall never be applied to any other purpose than for the support and comfortable maintenance of a Bishop of said Church within said Diocese, and to aid the Missionaries, and necessitous Ministers of the said Church, their Widows and Children.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Trustees shall hold their office until the next ensuing Annual Convention of the said Protestant Episco-

pal Church of the said Diocese of Delaware, and until their successors in office shall be appointed and qualified; at which said next Annual Convention, and at every Annual Convention thereafter, Trustees shall be appointed pursuant to such Rules, By-Laws, or Canons of the said Church, as may be in force at the time of such appointment: *Provided*, the same be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this State.

SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the property or funds of the said corporation shall never be sold, alienated, or otherwise disposed of, unless for the purpose of reinvesting the proceeds thereof, or appropriating the same as hereinafter provided; which the said Annual Convention may authorize and require said Trustees to do, under such rules, limitations and restrictions as the said Convention may from time to time adopt; *Provided*, that the clear annual income and profits of the said corporation arising from the property, or funds so held by it, shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

SECTION 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the Legislature hereby reserves the power of revoking, altering and amending this act: but such revocation, alteration or amendment shall in no case divest the property, funds, money or rights acquired under its provisions; nor divert them from the purpose herein expressed; but such property, funds, money and rights of said corporation, in case of such revocation, shall enure to the said Annual Convention, for the uses and purposes herein-before mentioned.

PASSED AT DOVER, FEBRUARY 6, 1846.

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pal Church of the said Diocese of Delaware, and until their successors in office shall be appointed and qualified; at which said next Annual Convention, and at every Annual Convention thereafter, Trustees shall be appointed pursuant to such Rules, By-Laws, or Canons of the said Church, as may be in force at the time of such appointment: *Provided*, the same be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this State.

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SECTION 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the Legislature hereby reserves the power of revoking, altering and amending this act: but such revocation, alteration or amendment shall in no case divest the property, funds, money or rights acquired under its provisions; nor divert them from the purpose herein expressed; but such property, funds, money and rights of said corporation, in case of such revocation, shall enure to the said Annual Convention, for the uses and purposes herein-before mentioned.

PASSED AT DOVER, FEBRUARY 6, 1846.

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OF THE

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

# PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OF THE

# DIOCESE OF DELAWARE,

HELD IN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GEORGETOWN,

Wednesday, May 26th, and Thursday, May 27th, 1847.

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# LIST

*Of all the Ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church Canonically resident in the Diocese of Delaware, May 26th, 1847.*

* Right Rev. ALFRED LEE, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington.

Rev. Enoch Bailey, Teacher of an Academy, Milton.

* " Thomas Billopp, Rector of Immanuel Church, New Castle.

* " Corry Chambers, Principal of the Wilmington Literary Institute.

* " John A. Childs, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Lewes, St. George's, Indian River, and Prince George's, Dagsborough.

* " Walter E. Franklin, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Newark, and St. James', Stanton.

* " Andrew F. Freeman, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Middletown, and St. Peter's, Smyrna.

* " Isaac P. Labagh, Missionary among the Jews.

* " Zebadiah H. Mansfield, Teacher of a Classical School, Wilmington.

" John W. McCullough, D. D.

* " John L. McKim, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, Christ Church, Milford, and St. Matthew's, Cedar Creek.

* " Jacob B. Smith, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Seaford; Christ Church, Broad Creek; and St. John's, Little Hill.

" William H. Trapnell, residing in Wilmington.

" George D. Cummins, Deacon.

In conformity with Canon 1st.

ALFRED LEE,

Bishop of the Diocese of Delaware.

* Entitled to seats in the Convention.

# LIST OF LAY DELEGATES,

*Certificates of whose Election by their respective Churches were presented and approved.*

*St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington*—John B. Lewis.

*Trinity Church, Wilmington*—Evan H. Thomas, Jeremiah W. Duncan.

*Immanuel Church, New Castle*—*William T. Read, *Nathaniel Wolfe.

*St. Ann's Church, Middletown*—Peregrine Hendrickson, Thomas P. Hanson.

*Christ Church, Milford*—John R. Draper, *Frederick Owens.

*St. Matthew's Church, Cedar Creek*—George R. Fisher, *Zechariah Deputy.

*St. Paul's Church, Georgetown*—Caleb S. Layton, Edward Wootten.

*St. Peter's Church, Lewes*—Robert Burton, William Orr.

*St. Luke's Church, Seaford*—James Stuart, Robert Frame.

*Prince George's Church, Dagsborough*—Benjamin Burton, Joseph R. Layton.

*St. George's Church, Indian River*—Thomas Burton, James F. Burton.

*Christ Church, Broad Creek*—William W. Dulaney, Robert G. Elligood.

*St. John's Church, Little Hill*—George W. Hearn, G. W. C. Hearn.

*Church of St. John the Baptist, Milton*—Peter Parker, John E. Parker.

*Absent.

The following Churches were not represented :—

Grace Church, Brandywine Hundred.

St. James', Stanton.

St. Thomas', Newark.

# JOURNAL

OF THE

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, May 26th, 1847.

This being the day constitutionally appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Delaware, the Right Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and a number of Clerical and Lay Delegates, assembled in St. Paul's Church, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Bishop took the Chair, and called the Convention to order.

A list of the Clergy entitled to seats in this Convention was called over by the Secretary of the last Convention, and the following gentlemen answered to their names:

Right Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese,
Rev. Thomas Billopp, Rev. John A. Childs,
Rev. Andrew F. Freeman, Rev. John L. McKim,
Rev. Jacob B. Smith.

The Chair appointed the Secretary, and Mr. James F. Burton, a Committee to receive and examine the Certificates of Lay Delegates. Of the list reported as duly elected, the following gentlemen answered to their names, and took their seats in Convention:

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| Peregrine Hendrickson, | James Stuart, |
| Thomas P. Hanson, | William Orr, |
| Caleb S. Layton, | Thomas Burton, |
| Edward Wootten, | James F. Burton, and |
| George R. Fisher, | Robert Burton. |
| John R. Draper; | |

The Chair declared the House fully organized, and the Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary.

The Rev. Mr. Childs and the Rev. Mr. Smith of the Clergy, and Edward Wootten and Thomas P. Hanson, Esqs., of the Laity, were appointed Tellers; who, after counting the ballots, reported that the Rev.

Thomas Billopp had been unanimously elected. The Chair accordingly declared him to be the Secretary to the Convention, for the ensuing year.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That Clergymen and candidates for Orders, who may be present, and not entitled to seats in this Body, be, and they are hereby invited to attend the sittings of this Convention.

The rules of Order of the last Convention were read by the Secretary, and, on motion, adopted as the Rules of Order of the present meeting.

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# RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with Prayer.

2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and, without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two thirds of the house.

7. If a question in debate contains more parts than one, any member may have the same divided into as many questions as there are parts.

8. While the President is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or [illegible]y book.

[illegible]ry member, who shall be in the house when any question is [illegible], on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interest[illegible] decision.

10. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded; and reduced to writing, when required.

11. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before any thing new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.

12. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

13. When the house is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves the chair.

14. The Journals of the Convention shall be published by the Secretary, under the supervision of the Bishop, and a copy sent to each member of the Convention.

15. The charge or sermon, when delivered by the Bishop before the Convention, shall be published by the Secretary, under the supervision of the Bishop, and one copy sent to each Clergyman, and ten copies to each vestry in the Diocese.

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A proposition relative to the Episcopal Fund in the Diocese, was presented by the Hon. Caleb S. Layton, one of the Trustees of said Fund, which, on motion, was read, and laid upon the table.

It was now moved and seconded, that the Convention take a recess for Divine Service.

The order for daily morning Prayer was read by the Rev. John A. Childs; assisted in the Lessons by the Rev. Andrew F. Freeman. The Convention Sermon was preached by Rev. Thomas Billopp.

The Ordination of the Rev. Jacob B. Smith to the Priesthood then took place; after which, the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Childs and Billopp.

The Congregation being dismissed, the House was called to order by the Chair, and again proceeded to business.

The following Lay Delegates appeared, and having presented the proper testimonials, answered to their names, and took their seats in the Convention.

Jeremiah W. Duncan, William W. Dulaney,
Evan H. Thomas, G. W. C. Hearn,
John B. Lewis, Robert G. Elligood,
George W. Hearn, Benjamin Burton,
Joseph R. Layton.

Articles of Association were presented from the Church of St. John the Baptist, Milton, accompanied with a request to be received into union with the Church in this Diocese.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Edward Wootten, George R. Fisher and William W. Dulaney, a Committee to examine the above mentioned articles, and to report upon them during this Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

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*May 26th, 3 o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The Bishop took the Chair, and called the House to order.

After the roll was called, the minutes of the morning's proceedings were read and approved.

The Committee appointed to examine the articles of Association of the Church of St. John the Baptist, presented the following Report, which was read, and accepted, and the resolution appended passed, viz:

The Committee appointed to examine the articles of Association of the newly organized Church of St. John the Baptist, at Milton, Report,

That they find the said articles to be in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this Diocese.

The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the Church of St. John the Baptist, at Milton, be, and it hereby is, admitted into full union with this Convention.

A certificate of Election was presented by Peter Parker, Senr., and John E. Parker, as Delegates to this Convention, from the Church of St. John the Baptist. It was examined by the Committee on Elections, and being found correct, the gentlemen answered to their names, and took their seats, as members of the House.

John R. Draper, Esq., asked and obtained leave of absence, for the remainder of the Ses

The Bishop called the attention of the Convention to his Annual Address, which he now proceeded to deliver.

# ADDRESS

*To the Clerical and Lay Members of the Fifty-Seventh Annual Convention of the Diocese of Delaware.*

Dear Brethren:—I now ask your attention to a statement of my official acts during the past Conventional year, and of the general concerns of the Diocese.

After the adjournment of the last Convention, the first Parish visited was St. Thomas', Newark, on the 19th June, when I preached and confirmed five persons, all of them Pupils of the Female Seminary in that place, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Franklin. The Church here gives evidence of gradual advance, and the Seminary of Mr. Franklin, I am pleased to learn, is encouraged with a measure of that success which it so well deserves. Of the good religious influence exercised within its walls, the interesting service on that occasion gave the best proof. It is greatly to be desired, for the general welfare of the Church in this Diocese, that such institutions of Christian Education should be adequately sustained, and it is often surprising and painful to witness the indifference of parents of our communion to the importance of securing for their children the advantage of schools, combining with literary instruction, nurture in those religious principles which we believe to be most conformable to the word of God.

In the month of June I attended the Annual Meeting of the Board of Missions, in the city of New York, and also of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary. Before the last body was presented a proposition for the dissolving of the Seminary as a General Institution of the Church, which will be considered at the Triennial Meeting at the time of the next General Convention.

Upon the invitation and request of the Right Rev. Bishop Brownell, of Connecticut, I performed some Episcopal acts in that Diocese, in the months of August and September, administering confirmation to eighteen persons in Christ Church, Norwich, laying the corner stone of a new Church edifice, to be erected in that Parish, and ordaining the Rev. Joseph M. Waite, to the Priesthood.

An Autumnal visitation was made of nearly all the parishes of our Diocese. At St. Ann's, Middletown, I administered the holy Commu-

tion, the Minister officiating there, Rev. Mr. Freeman, being in Deacon's orders. Among the partakers at the sacred feast, one, whom I had never failed to meet there before, was no longer found in his accustomed place. The Parish, as well as the Diocese, have sustained no common loss in the removal from earth of that beloved and respected member of our Church, Richard Mansfield. For many years he had been one of the most regular and efficient members of this Convention, and had taken a zealous and influential part in all that concerned the Church in this Diocese. We may well cherish his memory, and have need to look to God to supply the place of such men, when, in his righteous Providence, He takes them from our midst.

The services on this visitation were exceedingly interrupted by stormy and inclement weather. On this account no congregations assembled at several of the Churches and stations visited. In spite, however, of a very severe storm, I found a large congregation gathered at St. John's, Little Hill, in which Church I preached on Sunday, November 1st, and administered the Lord's Supper, (the Minister, Rev. J. B. Smith, being a Deacon.) On my Spring visitation to this interesting Parish, I *confirmed* six persons.

At St. Peter's, Lewes, I had to lament another painful inroad of "the last enemy." The excellent and venerated Warden of this Church, Daniel Rodney, a name widely known, and as generally esteemed and loved, had been "gathered as a shock of corn fully ripe" into the Lord's garner. "Your fathers, where are they."

On the 5th November, I was present in Georgetown at the organization and first meeting of the Clerical Convention of Sussex County. Such associations are beneficial to the Church, and cheering to the hearts of the Clergy, especially where, by position, they are cut off from much intercourse with their brethren. There might be, as it seems to me, with much advantage a Northern and a Southern convocation in the Diocese, meeting regularly, and, whenever meeting, holding public religious services; and it would give me pleasure to attend them, whenever other duties should permit.

On the fourth Sunday in Advent, December 20th, I held an Ordination in St. Thomas' Church, Newark; and admitted the Rev. Andrew F. Freeman to the Presbyterate.

At this time I have just completed a second visitation. Among the services held was one of much i[illegible] Christ Church, Broad Creek,

where I preached on Sunday, May 16th, and administered the holy communion, under the same circumstances as at St. John's, Little Hill. It was pleasant to behold this spacious and venerable edifice, which had been so long deserted, filled with a large and attentive congregation, and to find that the Rev. Mr. Smith is encouraged by the increased attendance and interest in his ministrations there. I was gratified also to find measures in progress for the erection of a Chapel to Christ Church, in the neighboring town of Laurel, a subscription having been commenced with good success, and a lot having been procured.

One cause of decline of our Church in this part of the State in former years appears to have been the want of chapels of a moderate size, at places convenient to the abodes of families of our communion. It is encouraging to observe at present a disposition to repair that loss, and we have reason to anticipate from such efforts good results.

Such an enterprise I found in progress at Millsboro', where the erection of a chapel, well situated and planned, to the Church at Dagsboro', has been already commenced. This will supply a want that has long been felt in this place. On the occasion of my last visit, May 19th, I preached and confirmed two persons in a School House. Here too death has been busy during the last year, and we have to lament the loss of valued members and friends.

On the 20th May, I preached at Milton, in the Academy. Here I have often wished for, and urged, the erection of a Church, and the hope of seeing one was much strengthened at this visit. I trust that the purpose, which our friends in this place seem now to have formed, will be carried forward with energy, and that, at the next Convention, if permitted to address you again, I shall record its successful accomplishment.

On the 25th of the present month, I set apart and consecrated to the service of God, "the Chapel of the Comforter," erected within the last six months, at Long Neck, Sussex County, as a Chapel to St. George's, Indian River. This unpretending, but neat and convenient edifice, is a proof of what may be done for a very small pecuniary outlay. Its position is accessible to many whose distance from the Parish Church was a hindrance to their regular attendance, and may be productive of much good to others who were not accustomed to attend the services of our church. For this enterprise the Parish is indebted mainly to the zeal and perseverance of the Rector, and the worshippers in that little Sanctuary have one pleasant reflection, which does not belong to many a larger and costlier edifice, as a Church, they "owe no man any thing."

At the opening service of this Convention I ordained the Rev. Jacob B. Smith to the Priesthood.

The sum of services held in the different parishes is as follows:—I have preached in Grace Church, Brandywine Hundred, four times; at Du Ponts and elsewhere in the same Hundred, four times; at Trinity, Wilmington, nine; Immanuel, New Castle, four; St. James', Staunton, once; St. Thomas', Newark, three times; St. Ann's, Middletown, twice; St. Peter's, Smyrna, twice; Christ Church, Milford, three times; St. Matthew's, Cedar Creek, once; St. Paul's, Georgetown, four times; at Milton, once; in St. Peter's, Lewes, six times; in St. George's Chapel and Long Neck, four times; in St. George's, Dagsboro', and Millsboro', three times; in St. Luke's, Seaford, twice; in Laurel, once; in Christ Church, Broad Creek, twice; St. John's, Little Hill, and neighborhood, three times; in all, omitting St. Andrew's, Wilmington, fifty-six times.

Without the Diocese I have preached fifteen times, on one occasion delivering, by invitation, the Annual Sermon before the Missionary Association of the Virginia Theological Seminary; and, on another, one of a series of Lectures in the city of New York, in behalf of the Jewish Mission. I also preached three times in the city of Montreal, Lower Canada, and, at the request of the Bishop of Western New York, delivered a Sermon at a Confirmation held by him in St. Paul's Church, Rochester.

There have been *Confirmed* during the year in Christ Church, Milford, two persons; in St. Thomas, Newark, five; in Immanuel Church, New Castle, five; in Trinity, Wilmington, two; in St. Andrew's, Wilmington, three; St. John's, Little Hill, six; at Millsboro', two. In all, twenty-five.

Baptized, nine infants.

*Clerical Changes.*—The following Clergymen have been received into the Diocese, the Rev. Jacob B. Smith, by letters of dismission from the Bishop of the Diocese of Kentucky, accepted July 17th, 1846; the Rev. Enoch Bailey, from Maryland, November 7th, 1846; the Rev. William H. Trapnell, from New Jersey, February 23d, 1847.

The Rev. Thomas D. Ozanne has taken letters of dismission to the Bishop of Winchester, England.

The Rev. J. B. Smith entered on the charge of St. Luke's, Seaford, Christ Church, Broad Creek, and St. John's, Little Hill, as Missionary of the Domestic Committee of the General Board, July 1st, 1846.—

The Rev. John W. McCullough, D. D., has resigned the Rectorship of Trinity Church, Wilmington, from Easter last.

Mr. Edmund Roberts was, upon the recommendation of the Standing Committee, admitted a candidate for Holy Orders, from July 23d, 1846.

It may be proper for me to mention that two pieces of Communion Plate belonging to Christ Church, Dover, which had been damaged by fire, have been restored by the liberality of a venerable member of that Parish, the widow of the late Chancellor Ridgely, and have been deposited in my hands for safe keeping. May the time arrive when there will be use for them there, and the Lord raise up again that prostrate Church; but of this, to human eyes, there is at present little prospect.

The number of confirmations reported as above is smaller than at any previous year, since my connection with the Diocese. So far as this is an index, there is reason to lament the little apparent success of the labors of the ministry, and to mourn that so few seem to have been wrought upon by the Gospel of Christ. That there exists a lamentable, and more than common, indifference among our congregations to the things of eternity can scarce be questioned. "The dead in trespasses and sins" heed not the warning call of the Lord's messengers. Such seasons of spiritual barrenness are a severe trial to the laborers in the field, who, while they go forth constantly and perseveringly, bearing the precious seed, are not recompensed with a joyful return, bringing their sheaves with them. And with this general indifference of those who have never sought the grace of the Lord, is to be lamented the lukewarmness of many of his professed people. The fact should impel us to sincere and earnest enquiry whether the hindrance exist, in any measure, in ourselves. Is it imputable in part to the low standard of practical religion among communicants of the Church? To inconsistent conduct in those who have assumed her solemn vows? To inadequate sense of parental obligation, and neglect of family religion? To the want of faithful training of our baptized youth in the nurture and admonition of the Lord? To the absence of "fervent, effectual prayer." To the impression that the full blessings of peace and pardon and spiritual health are only to be attained in seasons of much excitement, and that the stated means of Divine appointment are scarce capable of converting the soul? We ought, Christian brethren, honestly to ask ourselves these and like questions, and to seek to discover wherefore the blessing of the Lord is so little apparent.

At the same time, let me add the remark that it is better that our

confirmations be small, than that those be encouraged to present themselves who are not decided in their purpose to redeem the pledge given, and to yield themselves to the service of God in a new and holy life.—In this opinion I believe that I have the concurrence of all our Parochial Clergy. To the penitent and believing, the ordinances of the Church of Christ will be precious and strengthening. For such alone are they intended. To persuade to them the unreflecting and worldly, the impenitent and unrenewed, is to expose the participants to the danger of perilous and soul destroying delusion, and to bring holy rites into ultimate disparagement and contempt.

May the Great Head of the Church pour upon us those influences of his Holy Spirit which alone can render his vineyard fruitful, give to his ministering servants grace to be "steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord," and grant, of his great mercy, that their "labors be not in vain in the Lord."

ALFRED LEE.

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The Treasurer of the Convention presented his Accounts, which, on motion, were referred to the following committee, appointed by the chair;

Jeremiah W. Duncan, John B. Lewis.

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Certain alterations of the 3d Article of the Constitution of the Church in this Diocese, were proposed, as follows, viz:

ARTICLE 3.

"The Convention shall be composed of the Officiating Ministers, regularly settled in some Congregation in this Diocese; and of Lay Members, consisting of two Delegates from each Congregation to be chosen by the Vestry thereof; or, if there be no Vestry, by the Congregation. And Clergymen canonically resident in this Diocese, *who are engaged as Professors, or Instructors of youth, in any Diocesan Institution, or in any Academy or Seminary of learning*, officially recommended by the Bishop of the Diocese, or, if there be no Bishop, by the Standing Committee; and also Missionaries, under the ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, and Chaplains in the Navy, or Army of the United States, may be members of the Convention."

"*Provided, that all such Parochial Clergymen shall have been actually and personally resident, within this State, for not less than six calender months, next before the meeting of the Convention*, and that all such Clergymen, engaged in the work of instruction *only*, and Chaplains, shall have been actually and personally resident in this State, not less than *twelve calender months*, next before such meeting."

"The Bishop and the Assistant Bishop, when there is one, whether belonging to this Diocese, or having charge of it provisionally, shall have a seat and vote in the Convention; and one of them shall preside. If there be none, the Convention shall elect for its President one of the Presbyters attending."

"No Clergyman of advanced years, or infirm health, who has been once entitled to a seat in the Convention, shall loose his right thereto, by reason of having ceased from the active duties of his calling."

After the reading of the above proposed alterations in the 3d Article of the Constitution of the Church in this Diocese, they were on motion, *approved* by the Convention, and ordered to be published in the Journal.

An Account was presented from George W. Cummins, Esq., Chairman of the Committee on the Glebe, belonging to Christ Church, Dover, showing the funds in hand arising from the Rent of the Glebe, and subject to the order of this Convention, to amount to the sum of $85.

It was moved and seconded that the account be approved; and the Secretary was ordered to place it on file.

It was on motion, *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Glebe belonging to Christ Church, Dover, be, and they are hereby authorized to expend on the Glebe of said Church, or on the Church building itself, as they may deem most expedient, the sum of $85, belonging to the Church, and now in the hands of George W. Cummins, Esq.

A Report was presented by the Committee appointed at the last Convention, on Canon VI. of the General Convention of 1844, as follows, viz:

The Committee appointed at the last Convention to consider and report upon the subject of the VI. Canon of the General Convention of 1844, beg leave to state, that while they are deeply impressed with a sense of the need of such a ministry as it contemplates, yet anticipating the action of the next General Convention, making probable modifica-

tions of the Canon, they move that the subject be postponed until the next Annual Convention, and that the Committee be discharged.

JOHN A. CHILDS,
JOHN L. McKIM,
CALEB S. LAYTON,
EDWARD WOOTTEN.

Whereupon, the motion for postponement was passed, and the Committee discharged.

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The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention, reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and found the same correct.

It was on motion, *Resolved*, That the Election of the officers of the various Standing Committees of the Diocese, and of Delegates to the General Convention be made the order for the day,—to-morrow morning, immediately after the reading of the Minutes.

The Rev. Mr. Childs was requested to take the chair.

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The following Preamble and Resolutions, relative to the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese, were presented as a substitute for the Proposition on the same subject, which had been offered this morning and laid upon the table, viz:

WHEREAS, by an Act of the General Assembly of this State, passed at Dover, Feb. 6th, 1845, entitled "An act to authorize the Protestant Episcopal Church, in this State to raise a Fund for the support of a Bishop, and to aid Missionaries and necessitous Ministers, their widows and orphans,"—the persons therein named were incorporated under the name of "The Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Delaware," with power to purchase, take, and receive, by deed, gift, or otherwise, any property, real, personal or mixed, and have and hold the same, to and for the uses or purposes in the said act mentioned.

"And whereas, Trustees have been appointed by the Convention of said Church in this State, pursuant to the provisions of said Act, into whose hands, it appears that no funds have yet come for the purposes aforesaid;

"And whereas, it is desirable [illegible] ject of the said Act of Incor-

poration should be accomplished, and a fund raised as soon as practicable, for the purposes designated in said Act.

"Therefore, *Resolved*, That it be, and it hereby is, recommended to the Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Delaware, to circulate subscription lists among the members and friends of the Episcopal Church in this Diocese, and elsewhere, for the purpose of receiving subscriptions to the use of the said Trustees, for the purposes aforesaid,—to be paid in ten annual instalments, to wit:—The first annual instalment to be paid with interest on the whole sum; and at each succeeding annual instalment, the interest on the sum then remaining due.

*Resolved*, That the amount of moneys thus raised from time to time, be invested by said Trustees, in some safe stock, or otherwise, as may be most beneficial and productive; and the annual interest to be applied at once for the support or maintenance of the Bishop, and for the other objects mentioned in said Act, if any surplus of said interest should remain beyond the sum appropriated to the use of the Bishop.

*Resolved*, That the said Trustees be directed to report their proceedings under the foregoing resolution, at the next, and at each succeeding annual Convention of this Diocese.

The above Preamble and Resolutions were read and laid upon the table, and afterwards, on motion, were *adopted* by the Convention.

Leave of absence was granted to Wm. W. Dulaney, Esq., for the remainder of the Session.

*Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention of this Diocese be held in Immanuel Church, New Castle.

It was moved and seconded that this Convention meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

It was on motion, *Resolved*, That the sum of $5, due to the Convention Fund of this Diocese, from Christ Church, Broad Creek, be remitted.

The Missionary and Education Committee of the Diocese presented the following Report, which, on motion, was read and approved.

*The Education and Missionary Committee of the Diocese of Delaware, beg leave to present their fifth Annual Report.*

The year of duty which they now close, has not been without its tokens of encouragement. Through the Missionary organization now

established, the services of our Church, and the preaching of the word of God, have been sustained throughout a large number of our parishes.—The experience of the past year has shewn the indispensableness of such efforts, on our part, to maintain in our feebler Parishes, ministrations of such frequency and regularity as are required for their stability and advance. Had the whole reliance of the Diocese for the year closed, been upon the General Society, there would have been sad disappointment and embarrassment, and probably the closing of several Churches. As it is, we have been enabled to hold on our way, and to redeem every pledge given.

In order to provide for the punctual payment of the stipends due the Missionaries in October and April, the Committee held previous meetings for deliberation; and requested their Chairman to address an appeal in behalf of their funds to the congregations of the Diocese, through their respective Pastors. This was accordingly done. The response to the first call, in October last, fully equalled their expectations, amounting to two hundred dollars, from twelve Parishes. This enabled the Committee to provide for the semi-annual payments without any draft on the funds of the Domestic Committee, except the sum of one hundred dollars, contributed specially to the aid of Missions in Delaware, by Grace Church, Philadelphia. The receipts in answer to the second appeal in April fell short of the former, being $136 70.

The whole amount received from the different Parishes, during the year, is as follows:

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|---|---|---|
| St. Andrew's, Wilmington, Church offerings, | $215 86 | |
| Young Ladies' Society, - | 51 00 | |
| Sunday School, - - | 55 62 | |
| | | 322 48 |
| Trinity, Wilmington, offerings, &c., - - | 60 50 | |
| Female Association, - | 100 00 | |
| | | 160 50 |
| Immanuel, New Castle, - - - | | 104 15 |
| St. Peter's, Lewis - - - - - | | 23 58 |
| St. Paul's, Georgetown, offerings, - - | 6 16 | |
| Ladies' Society, - | 20 00 | |
| | | 26 16 |
| St. Ann's, Middletown, - - - - - | | 15 00 |

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|---|---|
| St. Thomas', Newark, | $14 20 |
| St. George's, Indian River, | 7 79 |
| St. Luke's Seaford, | 5 81 |
| St. Peter's, Smyrna, | 5 58 |
| St. John's, Little Hill, | 4 73 |
| Christ Church, Milford, | 4 00 |
| St. James', Stanton, | 3 66 |
| Christ Church, Broad Creek, | 2 77 |
| Prince George's, Dagsborough, | 1 16 |
| | 701 57 |

This amount does not quite equal that of the two preceding years, although, compared with all that was done previously, it indicates a great and encouraging improvement. Since the Committee was organised its reports of Contributions for successive years have been as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| 1843, | $348 20 |
| 1844, | 343 15 |
| 1845, | 710 61 |
| 1846, | 858 47* |
| 1847, | 701 57 |
| | $2962 00 |

Of the funds received, the sum of one hundred dollars, contributed by the Female Association of Trinity Church, was appropriated by them to the aid of destitute Missionaries in the West. The sum of $72 95 was remitted to the Domestic Committee of the General Board in aid of their funds, after the visit of their agent, Rev. Mr. Peterkin. Contributions to Foreign Missions about $30. Aid to new Churches $88 35. The remainder has been devoted to the sustaining of our own Missions.

The Committee trust that the Missionary cause may now be considered as a part of our established and permanent system, and that there will be no such future falling off from their receipts as to disappoint their calculations, and defeat their plans. The capacity of the Diocese has been in a measure tested, and the excuse of inability can be no longer made. It is believed that the confidence and good will of our

* Of this $50 was a Fund that had been collected for the Jews, some years before.

congregations towards this cause have been increasing and that its obligation and importance are better appreciated.

Fifteen Churches have contributed during the past year, being an increase of three beyond any preceding year. The Committee would in conclusion urge upon all our people the importance of punctual, systematic and liberal contributions to this good cause, and hope the time may arrive when Christians and Churchmen will manifest as true an interest in behalf of the extension of their Redeemers's Kingdom, as they evince in other objects and plans of the day.

(Signed.)

ALFRED LEE,
THOMAS BILLOPP,
E. H. THOMAS,
E. CANBY.

The Hon. Caleb S. Layton asked leave of absence for the remainder of the session, which was granted.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow morning.

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*Thursday, May 27th.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Jacob B. Smith.

The chair requested the house to come to order; and the roll was called by the Secretary.

The Minutes of yesterday afternoon's proceedings were read and approved, and the Convention proceeded to business.

John B. Lewis, Esq., asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The order for the day was now called up; and it being moved and seconded, that the Convention proceed to the election of a Standing Committee for the ensuing year,—nominations for that purpose, were immediately made.

The Rev. Mr. Smith, and Rev. Mr. Freeman of the Clergy, and George W. Hearn, and James Stuart, Esqs., of the Laity were appointed tellers to receive and count the ballots for members of the Standing Committee.

During the examination, the chair nominated Rev. Mr. Billopp, and

the Rev. Mr. Franklin, a Committee to draft, in accordance with Canon V., a report on the state of the Church in this Diocese, to be presented to the next General Convention.

The tellers appointed on the election of the Standing Committee, declared themselves ready to report; and it appeared that the following gentlemen had received a majority of the votes of each order of the Convention.

| *Clergy.* | *Laity.* |
|---|---|
| Rev. Thomas Billopp, | William T. Read, |
| " Walter E. Franklin, | George B. Rodney, Esqrs. |
| " John A. Childs. | |

The chair declared the above named gentlemen to be the Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

Nominations were made for Delegates to the General Convention; and the same tellers were appointed to act in examining the ballots.

They reported the following gentlemen, as having received a majority of the votes of each order of the Convention, viz:

| *Clergy.* | *Laity.* |
|---|---|
| Rev. Walter E. Franklin, | William T. Read, |
| " Thomas Billopp, | Robert Burton, |
| " John L. McKim, | Edmund Canby, |
| " Andrew F. Freeman. | Benjamin Gibbs. |

The chair declared the above named gentlemen duly elected Delegates to the next General Convention.

Nominations were made for members of the Missionary and Education Committee; and the Rev. Mr. McKim, and J. W. Duncan, Esq. were appointed tellers. They reported the election of the following gentlemen.

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|---|---|
| Rev. Thomas Billopp, | Evan H. Thomas, |
| " Walter E. Franklin, | Edmund Canby. |

Who were accordingly declared by the chair to be the Missionary and Education Committee, for the ensuing year.

The Secretary of the Convention presented an account for expenses officially incurred by him, which, on motion, was ordered to be paid.

*Resolved*, That the usual amount be paid to the Sexton of St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, for his services during the Convention.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention, be, and they are here-

by tendered to the Wardens and Vestry of this Church; and also to the citizens of Georgetown, for their attention and kindness to its members.

*Resolved*, That the Journal of this Convention be printed and distributed, in accordance with the rules of the Convention of 1843, and 1845.

Mr. Robert G. Elligood was allowed leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

It was moved and seconded that the Convention proceed to the election of Trustees of the Episcopal Fund in this Diocese.

Rev. Mr. McKim, and Rev. Mr. Freeman of the Clergy, and Edward Wootten and Jeremiah W. Duncan, Esqrs., of the Laity, were appointed tellers, who, after counting the ballots, reported the following gentlemen as elected, viz:

Hon. James Booth,
Dr. J. W. Thomson,
Hon. Caleb S. Layton,
Edward Wootten, Esq.
William T. Read, Esq.

The chair declared these gentlemen to be the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund in this Diocese, for the ensuing year.

It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer of the Convention be authorized to discharge the account for printing the Journal, &c., of the last Convention, when presented, after he shall have examined and found the same correct.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Glebe belonging to Christ Church, Dover, be, and they are hereby requested to examine the law passed at the late Session of the Legislature of this State, on that subject; and if, in their judgment it is expedient to act under the same, that they be, and hereby are authorized to act in the matter, as to them shall seem proper.

*Resolved*, That, after the usual religious services, the Convention adjourn, *sine die*.

The Minutes of the day's proceedings were read and approved: after which, prayer was offered and the Benediction pronounced by the Bishop, and the Convention adjourned.

Attest, THOMAS BILLOPP, Secretary.

*STANDING COMMITTEE ELECTED MAY, 1847.*

Rev. Thomas Billopp,
" Walter E. Franklin,
" John A. Childs,
William T. Read,
George B. Rodney.

*DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION ELECTED MAY, 1847.*

Rev. Walter E. Franklin,
" Thomas Billopp,
" John L. McKim,
" Andrew F. Freeman,
William T. Read,
Robert Burton,
Edmund Canby,
Benjamin Gibbs.

*MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE.*

Right Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D., ex officio, *Chairman.*

Rev. Thomas Billopp,
" Walter E. Franklin,
Evan H. Thomas,
Edmund Canby.

*COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.*

Right Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D., ex officio, *Chairman.*

Rev. Thomas Billopp,
Rev. Walter E. Franklin.

*TRUSTEES OF THE BISHOP'S FUND ELECTED MAY, 1847.*

Hon. James Booth,
Dr. J. W. Thomson,
Hon. Caleb S. Layton,
Edward Wootten, Esq.,
William T. Read, Esq.

*COMMITTEE ON THE GLEBE BELONGING TO CHRIST CHURCH, DOVER.*

George W. Cummins, Esq.,
William T. Read, Esq.,
Edward Wootten, Esq.

Treasurer of the Convention, and of the Missionary and Education Committee, EVAN H. THOMAS.

Secretary of Convention, Rev. THOMAS BILLOPP, New Castle.

# APPENDIX.

## PARCCHIAL REPORTS.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Adults 1, Infants 8, Total, | | | | 9 |
| Confirmed, | | | | 3 |
| Communicants—Died, | | | | 2 |
| " Removed, | | | | 3 |
| " Withdrawn, | | | | 1 |
| " Suspended, | | | | 1 |
| " Added, | | | | 10 |
| " Present number, | | | | 127 |
| Marriages, | | | | 7 |
| Funerals, | | | | 10 |
| Catechumens, Sunday School, | | | | |
| Teachers—male, | 9: | Female, | 14— | 23 |
| Scholars—male, | 96: | Female, | 116— | 212 |
| Parish Day School—Teacher 1, Scholars, | | | | 20 |
| Female Bible Class taught by the Rector, | | | | 26 |

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|---|---|---|
| Contributions—Missionary offerings in Church, | $215 86 | |
| " " in Sunday School, | 55 62 | |
| " " Y. L. Sewing Society | 51 00 | |
| | | 322 48 |
| Episcopal Fund, $68, Convention, $15, | | 83 00 |
| Alms, Communion &c. | | 38 51 |
| Parish School, | | 60 00 |
| Prayer Book and Tract Association, | | 16 41 |
| Lighting Church with Gas, | | 250 00 |
| Reduction of Church Debt, | | 505 00 |
| | | $952 92 |

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|---|---|
| Public Services on Sundays, | 102 |
| " on other days, | 35 |
| | 137 |

May 26th, 1847. ALFRED LEE, Rector.

REMARKS:—There has been lately organized a Female Parochial School, connected with this Church. A Board of Managers from the Ladies of the Congregation attend to the direction of the School, and assist, on one day of each week, in the instruction of the pupils. The School is under the general oversight of the Rector, the Teacher is a communicant of the Church, and the object in view is to combine sound religious instruction with the ordinary branches of a good education. That the effort will be productive of great good the Rector will not allow himself to doubt.

### Trinity Church, Wilmington.

The undersigned Wardens of Trinity Church, Report:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Communicants, | | | 104 |
| Baptisms—Adults 4, Infants 37, | | | 41 |
| Marriages, | | | 6 |
| Sunday School Scholars, | | | 180 |
| Teachers, | | | 12 |
| Confirmations, | | | 2 |
| Contributions—Convention Fund, | $15 00 | | |
| Missions, | 60 50 | | |
| do. from Ladies Mis. Society | 100 00 | | |

The Church is at present without a Rector, but we have supplies for the pulpit and expect very early to make choice of a minister.

JOHN ELLIOTT,
WM. F. O'DANIEL, } Wardens.

May 22d, 1847.

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### Immanuel Church, New Castle.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Adults 1, Infants 5, | | | 6 |
| Confirmed, | | | 5 |
| Communicants—Withdrawn, | | | 1 |
| Added, | | | 4 |
| Present number, | | | 45 |
| Marriages, | | | 1 |
| Funerals, | | | 0 |
| Catechumens in Bible Classes and Sunday Schools: | | | |
| Teachers—Male, 5: Female 7—Total | | | 12 |
| Scholars—Male 28: Female 42—Total | | | 70 |
| Contributions—Missionary, | $104 15 | | |
| Episcopal and Convention Funds, | 32 00 | | |
| Other purposes, | 22 00 | | |
| | | | 158 15 |

Public Services on Sundays and other days as usual.

May 26th, 1847. THOMAS BILLOPP, Rector.

Remarks:—The condition of this Parish is very much the same, as when last reported. No material change has taken place, as far as can be judged, in any respect. The attendance upon the services of the Church, is generally good; and the Rector believes the average congregation is larger than formerly. The Parish and Sunday School Libraries continue gradually to increase, by the occasional addition of valuable religious works of the best authors: and they always prove an important auxiliary in imparting instruction to the reading members of the Church.

A few additional names have been recorded upon the list of Communicants, and although his anticipations have not been realized, in particular instances; still the Rector has consolation in the conviction that his labors have not been in vain in the Lord. He again hopes, by increased zeal and fidelity, on his own part, and in dependence upon Divine Grace, to accomplish more than formerly, as well among the younger, as the older, portion of his congregation.

### St. James' Church, Stanton.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Communicants—Died, | | 1 |
| Added, | | 1 |
| Present number, | | 10 |
| Funerals, | | 1 |
| Catechumens in Bible Classes and Sunday School: | | |
| Teachers, | | 5 |
| Scholars, | | 40 |
| Contributions—Missionary, | | 4 82 |
| Episcopal and Convention Funds,, | | $10 00 |
| Other purposes, | | |

Public Services on Sundays, 22.

May 24th, 1847. WALTER E. FRANKLIN, Rector.

Remarks:—The Rector of this Church has, as will be perceived, but little of interest to communicate connected with its statistics. The attendance on the services has somewhat improved, and good we hope has been done.—Circumstances will require the Rector's separation from the charge of the Parish; but he trusts it will be immediately supplied with the services of a Minister who, through the Divine blessing on the bestowal of a large measure of time and energy will see the work of the Lord prospering in his hands.

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### St. Thomas' Church, Newark.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Adults 4, Infant 1, | | | 5 |
| Confirmed, | | | 5 |
| Communicants—Added, | | | 1 |
| Present number, | | | 11 |
| Catechumens in Bible Classes and Sunday Schools, | | | |
| Teachers, | 4 | | |
| Scholars, | 16 | | |
| Contributions—Missionary, | $17 20 | | |
| Episcopal and Convention Funds, | 10 00 | | |
| Other purposes, | 4 37 | | |
| | | $31 57 | |
| Public Services on Sundays, 71; other days, 3, | 74 | | |

May 24th, 1847. WALTER E. FRANKLIN, Rector.

Remarks:—The attendance at this Church is very good. Several members of the School of which the Rector is Principal have become communicants during the year, but as their homes are in other Parishes they are not counted in the above list. In addition to the above list of Sunday Services, the Rector officiated on two Sundays for the Bishop, during which, the Church at Newark was closed.

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### St. Ann's Church, Middletown.

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|---|---|
| Baptized—Infants, | 9 |
| Communicants—Died, | 2 |
| Removed, | 1 |
| Present number, | 40 |
| Marriages, | 4 |
| Funerals, | 12 |

Catechumens in Bible Classes and Sunday Schools,
Teachers—Male 1: Female, 6, 7
Scholars, - - - - - 45
Contributions—Missionary, - - - $15 00
Episcopal and Convention Funds, 30 50
Public Services, once every Sunday; other days 4.

May 20th, 1847. A. F. FREEMAN, Rector.

REMARKS:—This Parish has suffered severely, in the death of General Richard Mansfield. He was many years a valuable delegate in the Diocesan and General Conventions, and will always be remembered by those who knew him, as an upright and estimable citizen, a devoted Christian, and an intelligent and earnest Churchman. The venerable Parish of St. Ann's, (of which he was a zealous supporter for upwards of twenty years) will gratefully preserve his memory.

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ST. PETER'S CHURCH, SMYRNA.

Communicants—Present number, - - - 5
Funerals, - - - - - - - 2
Contributions—Missionary, - - - $5 57½
Episcopal and Convention Fund, 7 50
Public Services once every Sunday.

May 20th, 1847. A. F. FREEMAN, Rector.

REMARKS:—This Parish remains in its usual depressed and lifeless condition. The Rector would feel encouraged, if those in the Congregation, who profess to call themselves *Churchmen*, would manifest any sense of privileges, any *active* interest in the services of the Sanctuary. But, "why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted within me. *Hope in God.*"

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CHRIST CHURCH, MILFORD.

Communicants—Removed, - - - - 2
Present number, - - - - 11
Marriages, - - - - - - 1
Funerals, - - - - - - 1
Contributions—Missionary, - - - $4 00
Episcopal Convention Funds, 5 00
Public Services on Sundays, 27; other days 2, 29

May 25th, 1847. JOHN L. McKIM, Rector.

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ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, CEDAR CREEK,

Baptized—Infants, - - - - - 2
Confirmed 2, in Christ Church, Milford.
Communicants—
Present number, - - - 7
Funerals, - - - - - - 1
Contributions—Convention Fund, - - $5 00
Other purposes.
Public Services on Sundays, 13; other days, 1. - 14

May 25th, 1847. JOHN L. McKIM, Rector.

REMARKS:—In St. Matthew's Church, I officiated but once in four weeks, and this only in the Summer season. On other Sundays I held services at School Houses and other places within the bounds of the Parish. The Rev. Mr. Baily has also performed some services in this part of my Missionary field, which I presume he will report.

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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GEORGETOWN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Adult 1, Infants 6, | | 7 |
| Communicants—Died, | | 1 |
| Removed, | | 2 |
| Present number, | | 12 |
| Marriages, | | [illegible] |
| Funerals, | | [illegible] |
| Catechumens in Bible Classes and Sunday Schools: | | |
| Teachers—Male 3: Female 6—Total | | 9 |
| Scholars—Male 11; Female 24—Total | | 35 |
| Contributions—Missionary, | $26 06 | |
| Episcopal and Convention Funds, | 10 00 | |
| Other purposes. | | |
| Public Services on Sundays 76: other days 3, | | 79 |

May 25th, 1847. JOHN L. McKIM, Rector.

REMARKS:—Within a few days, a small Organ has been purchased for this Church, by the contributions chiefly of members of the congregation.

The Baptisms above mentioned, were performed at a School House, six miles from Georgetown; where I occasionally officiate, and considerable numbers come to hear the word.

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ST. PETER'S CHURCH, LEWES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Communicants—Died, | | 3 |
| Stricken from roll, | | 3 |
| Present number, | | 26 |
| Marriages, | | 1 |
| Funerals, | | 4 |
| Contributions—Missionary, | $22 74 | |
| Episcopal and Convention Funds, | 19 00 | |
| Public Services on Sundays 22: other days 6, | | 28 |

May 26th, 1847. JNO. A. CHILDS, Rector.

REMARKS:—I have been enabled to report this year, more accurately than before, the number of communicants, which will account for a little variation from last report. During the past year we have lost two of our oldest members, each upwards of four score. The one a Warden, the other a Vestryman. It will not be amiss on account of their remarkable age and services in the Church, to mention their names, the Hon. Daniel Rodney, and Cornelius Paynter. We have to regret that so few young people take the places of the aged ones who are removed. The attendance on the services of the Church has much increased, but I cannot say there is any corresponding growth in other respects.

### St. George's Church Indian River.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Baptised—Infants, | | 2 |
| Communicants—Died, 1 | | 1 |
| Removed, | | 1 |
| Present number, | | 20 |
| Marriages, | | 1 |
| Funerals, | | 1 |
| Contributions—Missionary, | 7 79 | |
| Episcopal and Convention Funds, | 6 00 | |
| Other purposes. | | |
| Public Services on Sundays, 22 | | |

May 26th, 1847. JNO. A. CHILDS, Rector.

Remarks:—I have nothing to say concerning this Church in particular, except that since last Fall, we have erected a neat Chapel to accommodate about one hundred persons. It is located in Long Neck about six miles from St. George's Church. It cost little more than three hundred dollars, not including the lot and timber for frame. The funds for building were in a great measure obtained from abroad. I have held servives in a School House in the Neck seven times on Sundays, and expect to officiate there once every fourth Sunday.

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### Prince George's Church, Dagsborough.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Infants, | | 3 |
| Confirmed, | | 2 |
| Communicants—Died, | | 2 |
| Added, | | 2 |
| Present number, | | 12 |
| Funerals, | | 5 |
| Contributions—Missionary, | $1 16 | |
| Episcopal and Convention Funds, | 10 00 | |
| Other purposes. | | |
| Public Services on Sundays, | | 27 |

May 26th, 1847. JNO. A. CHILDS, Rector.

Remarks:—The public services at Millsborough have been twenty; and although I have reported the Parish statistics in connexion with the Church at Dagsborough, they chiefly relate to the former place. Indeed Dagsborough has become quite deserted, and after riding thither upwards of two years, and half the time meeting no congregation, I have come to the conclusion, that it is more profitable to make an appointment elsewhere.

Seeing the great need of a Church building at Millsborough to keep the members of the congregation together, I am happy to say that a neat Chapel is now in course of erection, and will be ready perhaps for consecration before my next Report.

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### St. John's Church, Little Hill.

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|---|---|
| Baptized—Adults 2: Infants 3, | 5 |
| Confirmed, | 6 |
| Communicants—Stricken from the list, | 1 |
| Present number, | 29 |
| Marriages, | 1 |
| Funerals, | 2 |

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| Contributions—Mssionary, | $4 73 | |
| Convention Fund, | 5 00 | |
| Other purposes, | 1 04 | |
| Total, | $10 77 | |
| Public Services on Sundays, and other days, | | 38 |

May 26th, 1847. J. B. SMITH, Rector.

REMARKS:—The Sunday School, which has been discontinued for some time, will be re-opened immediately after Convention. The attendance in this Church is large, and the people devotedly attached to our services. During Lent, I officiated on Friday mornings to attentive congregations.

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CHRIST CHURCH, BROAD CREEK.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Infants, | | 6 |
| Communicants—Added, | | 1 |
| Present number, | | 8 |
| Marriages, | | 2 |
| Funerals, | | 1 |
| Contributions—Missionary, | $2 77 | |
| Convention Fund, | 10 00 | |
| Public Services on Sundays, 26. | | |

May 26th, 1847. J. B. SMITH, Rector.

REMARKS:—As it is impossible to get the children of this Parish out to Sunday School, I catechise them when on Parochial visits. There has been a large increase in this Congregation during the past year. We contemplate erecting a Chapel in Laurel, and expect in a short time to begin the work. A lot has been purchased, and with a little assistance from abroad we shall be able to build an edifice, fully adequate to meet the wants of our people.

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ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SEAFORD.

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|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Infants, | | 5 |
| Communicants—Removed, | | 3 |
| Added, | | 1 |
| Present number, | | 16 |
| Marriages, | | 1 |
| Funerals, | | 3 |
| Catechumens, | | 10 |
| Contributions—Missionary, | $5 81 | |
| Episcopal and Convention Funds, | 5 00 | |
| Other purposes, | 12 00 | |
| | | $22 81 |
| Public Services on Sundays, and other days, 45 | | |

May 25th, 1847. J. B. SMITH, Rector.

REMARKS:—I catechise the children of this Parish, who are near enough to attend, on every other Sunday morning, immediately before Divine Service. This Congregation is oppressed with a heavy debt, contracted in building the Church, which rests as an incubus npon it, and seriously impedes its progress. Our Services have been well attended, and interest is taken by many in usages and customs heretofore neglected. During Lent, I had Services on Wednes-

day mornings, which were quite well attended. From the Ladies of the Parish, myself and family have received many substantial acts of kindness for which I would take this opportunity of returning my grateful thanks.

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## REPORT.

### To the Right Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese of Delaware.

Up to the 25th of March, when my Rectorship of Trinity Church terminated, I continued to perform the usual Parochial duties. During that period, besides several marriages, funerals and admissions to the Holy Communion, I baptized four adults and thirty-eight children. Since that date I have performed some occasional services, and baptized five children within the Diocese of Pennsylvania, beyond the limits of any particular Parish, but with the approbation of the nearest Rector. At present I have no particular charge.

May 27th, 1847. J. W. McCULLOUGH.

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### To the Right Rev. Bishop Lee.

Though yet without Parochial charge, I have to report to you, that since my residence in Milton, dating from last Summer, I have solemnized seven marriages, baptized three childen, preached at Cedar Creek three times, and Georgetown three times. A Church building is greatly needed in this place. And I humbly trust that, through the Divine blessing upon the measures already taken by sundry individuals in this Parish, a Temple will, ere long be erected to the honor and worship of Almighty God.

Milton, May 25th, 1847. ENOCH BAYLEY.

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### Report of the Rev. Corry Chambers.

The undersigned respectfully reports, that he has been occupied, since the Convention, in the superintendence of the Institute, of which he is Principal, and the instruction of those young gentlemen sent to it for an education.

CORRY CHAMBERS.

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### To the Right Rev. A. Lee, D. D.

Since the last Convention, my time has been occupied in the care and instruction of the young. The daily reading and examination of the Scriptures of Truth, have always occupied a prominent part in the course of study marked out; and it has been highly gratifying to observe the fruits of this, in inspiring a love of truth and virtue, and an increased sensibility in the concerns of Religion.

Z. H. MANSFIELD.

# ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

| Parishes and Churches. | Baptisms. | | | Communicants. | | | | | | | | | Catechumens in Sunday Schools, &c. | | | | | | Contributions. | | |
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| | Adults. | Infants. | Total. | Confirmed. | Died. | Removed. | Withdrawn. | Suspended | Added. | Present Number. | Marriages. | Funerals. | Male Teachers. | Female Teachers. | Total. | Male Scholars. | Female Scholars. | Total. | Missionary. | Other Purposes. | Total. |
| St. Andrew's, Wilmington, | 1 | 8 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 127 | 7 | 10 | 9 | 14 | 23 | 96 | 176 | 212 | $322 48 | $952 82 | $1275 3[illegible] |
| Trinity, do. | 4 | 37 | 41 | 2 | | | | | | 104 | 6 | | | | 12 | | | 180 | 160 50 | 15 00 | 17[illegible] [illegible] |
| Immanuel, New Castle, | 1 | 5 | 6 | 5 | | | 1 | | 4 | 45 | 1 | | 5 | 7 | 12 | 28 | 42 | 70 | 104 15 | 54 00 | |
| St. James', Stanton, | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | 10 | | 1 | | | 5 | | | 40 | 4 82 | 10 00 | |
| St. Thomas', Newark, | 4 | 1 | 5 | 5 | | | | | 1 | 11 | | | | | 4 | | | 16 | 17 20 | 14 37 | |
| St. Ann's, Middletown, | | 9 | | | 2 | 1 | | | 2 | 40 | 4 | 12 | 1 | 6 | 7 | | | 45 | 15 00 | 30 50 | |
| St. Peter's Smyrna, | | | | | | | | | | 5 | | 2 | | | | | | | 5 57 | 7 50 | |
| Christ Church, Milford, | | | | | | 2 | | | | 11 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | 4 00 | 5 00 | |
| St. Matthew's, Cedar Creek, | | 2 | | 2 | | | | | | 7 | | 1 | | | | | | | | 5 00 | |
| St. Paul's, Georgetown, | 1 | 6 | 7 | | 1 | 2 | | | | 12 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 11 | 24 | 35 | 26 16 | 10 00 | [illegible] [illegible] |
| St. Peter's, Lewes, | | | | | 3 | | | 3 | | 26 | 1 | 4 | | | | | | | 23 58 | 46 00 | 69 5[illegible] |
| St. George's, Indian River, | | 2 | | | 1 | 1 | | | | 20 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | 7 79 | 6 00 | 13 7[illegible] |
| Prince George's, Dagsborough, | | 3 | | 2 | 2 | | | | 2 | 12 | | 5 | | | | | | | 1 16 | 10 00 | 11 1[illegible] |
| St. John's, Little Hill, | 2 | 3 | 5 | 6 | | | | 1 | | 29 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | 4 73 | 6 00 | 10 73 |
| Christ Church, Broad Creek, | | 6 | | | | | | | 1 | 8 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | 2 77 | 10 00 | 12 77 |
| St Luke's, Seaford, | | 5 | | | | 3 | | | 1 | 16 | 1 | 3 | | | | | | | 5 81 | 17 00 | 22 81 |
| St John the Baptist, Milton, Grace Church, Brandywine Hundred, | No Report. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

The following is the amount of Assessment on each Parish in the Diocese for the support of the Episcopate, which is to be remitted semi-annually to the Treasurer of the Convention.

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|---|---|
| St. Andrews's Church, Wilmington, | $63 50 |
| Trinity Church, do. | 52 00 |
| Immanuel Church, New Castle, | 22 50 |
| St. James' Church, Stanton, | 5 00 |
| St. Thomas' Church, Newark, | 5 50 |
| St. Ann's Church, Middletwon, | 20 00 |
| St. Peter's Church, Smyrna, | 2 50 |
| Christ Church, Milford, | 5 50 |
| St. Matthew's, Cedar Creek, | 3 50 |
| St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, | 6 00 |
| St. Peter's Church, Lewes, | 13 00 |
| St. George's Church, Indian River, | 10 00 |
| Prince George's Church, Dagsborough, | 6 00 |
| St. John's Church, Little Hill, | 14 50 |
| Christ Church, Broad Creek, | 4 00 |
| St. Luke's Church, Seaford, | 8 00 |

The following table exhibits the sum which each Parish is required to contribute to the Convention Fund, in accordance with Canon X.

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|---|---|
| St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, | $15 00 |
| Trinity Church, do. | 15 00 |
| Immanuel Church, New Castle, | 10 00 |
| St. Ann's Church, Middletown, | 8 00 |
| St. Peter's Church, Lewes, | 6 00 |
| St. John's Church, Little Hill, | 6 00 |
| St. George's Indian River, | 5 00 |
| St. Thomas' Church, Newark, | 5 00 |
| St. James' Church, Stanton, | 5 00 |
| St. Peters' Church, Smyrna, | 5 00 |
| Christ Church, Milford, | 5 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, | 5 00 |
| Prince George's Church Dagsborough, | 5 00 |
| St. Luke's Church, Seaford, | 5 00 |
| Christ Church, Broad Creek, | 5 00 |
| St. Matthew's Church, Cedar Creek | 5 00 |
| Grace Church, Brandywine, Hundred, | 5 00 |
| St. John the Baptist, Milton, | 5 00 |

*DR. Evan H. Thomas, Treasurer of the Convention, Diocese Delaware.*

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| 1846 | | |
| May 8. | To Balance due Convention, - - - | $5 50 |
| " 11. | " Collection St. Thomas' Church, Newark, for Trust Fund, - - - - - - | 4 37 |
| " 27. | " St. Thomas' Church, Convention Fund, - | 5 00 |
| | " " Bishop's Fund, - - | 5 00 |
| | " Trinity Church, Wilmington, Convention Fund, | 15 00 |
| June 1. | " St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, Convention Fund, | 15 00 |
| | " St. Luke's Church, Seaford, Convention Fund, | 5 00 |
| | " St. Ann's Church, Middletown, Convention Fund, | 6 00 |
| | " " " Bishop's Fund, | 6 00 |
| | " St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, Convention Fund, | 5 00 |
| | " " " Bishop's Fund, | 5 00 |
| | " St. George's Church, Convention Fund, - | 6 00 |
| | " " Bishop's Fund, - - | 2 00 |
| | " St. John's Church, Little Hill, Convention Fund, 2 years | 10 00 |
| | " Christ Church, Milford, Convention Fund, - | 5 00 |
| | " St. Peter's Church, Lewes, Convention Fund, - | 6 00 |
| | " " " Bishop's Fund, - | 15 00 |
| | " St. Matthew's Church, Cedar Creek, Convention Fund, | 5 00 |
| | " St. Peter's Church, Smyrna, Convention Fund, | 5 00 |
| | " " " Bishop's Fund, - | 2 50 |
| | " Immanuel Church, New Castle, Convention Fund, | 10 00 |
| | " " " Bishop's Fund, | 22 00 |
| " 29. | " Trinity Church, Wilmington, Bishop's Fund, - | 17 50 |
| 1847 | | |
| March 3. | " St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, Bishop's Fund, | 68 00 |
| April 6. | " St. Ann's Church, Middletown, Bishop's Fund, - | 12 00 |
| May 19. | " St. James' Church, Stanton, Convention Fund, | 5 00 |
| | " " " Bishop's Fund, - | 5 00 |
| " 21. | " Trinity Church, Wilmington, Convention Fund, | 15 00 |
| | | $287 87 |

*Evan H. Thomas, Treasurer of the Convention, Diocese Delaware. CR.*

| No. | 1846 | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | May 28. | Cash paid A. Stevens, Sexton Christ Church, Milford, attendance on Convention, receipt, - | $4 00 |
| 23 | June 3. | " Paid to Bishop Lee, under a Resolution of Convention, per receipt, - - - | 40 50 |
| 24 | 8. | " Paid to Bishop Lee, a further payment, under the Resolution of Convention, per receipt, | 22 00 |
| 25 | | " Paid Wilson & Heald, balance printing the Journal, 1844, receipt, - - - | 39 52 |
| 26 | | " Paid Wilson & Heald, account for Minute Book for Secretary, receipt, - - | 6 25 |
| 27 | | " Paid Wilson & Heald, for printing Journal, 1845, per receipt, - - - - | 41 88 |
| 28 | 29. | " Paid Bishop Lee, under a Resolution of Convention, per receipt, - - - | 17 50 |
| 29 | July 30. | " Paid Porter & Naff, printing for Convention, as per receipt - - - - | 3 37 |
| | 1847 | | |
| 30 | March 3. | " Paid Bishop Lee, under Resolution of Convention, per receipt, - - - | 68 00 |
| 31 | April 7. | " Paid Bishop Lee, a further payment under Resolution of Convention, receipt, - - | 12 00 |
| | | " Balance remaining in the hands of the Treasurer, the sum of - - - | 32 85 |
| | | | $287 87 |

Errors Excepted.

E. H. THOMAS, Treasurer of Convention.

Wilmington, May 8th, 1847.

*DR, Supplement to the Treasurer's Account,*

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|---|---|---|
| 1846 | | |
| May 26. | To balance due Convention, - - - | $32 85 |
| " 27. | Received the following: | |
| | St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, Convention Fund, | 15 00 |
| | Christ Church, Milford, Convention Fund, - - | 9 00 |
| | St. Ann's Church, Middletown, Convention Fund, | 10 00 |
| | " " Bishop's Fund, - | 8 50 |
| | St. Peter's Church, Smyrna, Convention Fund, - | 5 00 |
| | " " Bishop's Fund, - | 2 50 |
| | St. Peter's Church, Lewes, Convention Fund, - | 8 00 |
| | " " Bishop's Fund, - | 15 00 |
| | St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, Convention Fund, - | 5 00 |
| | " " Bishop's Fund, - | 5 00 |
| | Prince George's Church, Dagsborough, Convention Fund, | 10 00 |
| | St. George's Church, Convention Fund, - - | 6 00 |
| | Christ Church, Laurel, Convention Fund, - - | 10 00 |
| | St. Matthew's Church, Cedar Creek, Convention Fund, | 5 00 |
| | St. John's Church, Little Hill, Convention Fund, | 8 00 |
| | St. Luke's Church, Seaford, Convention Fund, - | 5 00 |
| | | $159 85 |
| June 3. | Immanuel Church, New Castle, Convention Fund, | 10 00 |
| | " " Bishop's Fund, - | 21 00 |
| | | $190 85 |

*Supplement to the Treasurer's Account.* CR

| No. | 1846 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 32 | May 27. | Paid E. Wootten for Sexton of St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, per receipt, - - - | | $4 00 |
| 33 | | " Rev. Thomas Billopp, Secretary's account, allowed by Convention, - - | | 10 00 |
| 33 | 31. | " Bishop Lee, under Resolution of Convention, per receipt, - - - - | | 57 00 |
| 34 | | " Paid Wilson & Heald, printing Journal, 1846, per receipt, - - - - | | 83 12 |
| | | Balance due Convention, | | |
| | | Trust Fund, - - | 4 37 | |
| | | Convention Fund, - - | 32 36 | |
| | | | | 36 73 |
| | | | | $190 85 |

R. H. THOMAS, Treasurer.

## STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, That this Convention be held alternately in each County in this State at such place as the Convention shall annually appoint.

PASSED AT CONVENTION 1831.

*Resolved*, That in all elections, the votes of a majority of all the members present—or, if voting by orders, of a majority of all present of the respective orders shall be necessary to a choice.

PASSED AT CONVENTION 1837.

*Resolved*, As the Sense of this Convention, that the ante-communion service ought to be used in all the Churches; and the Clergy hereby engage to use the same. PASSED AT CONVENTION 1838.

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Wardens of every Parish, to collect at the rate of fifty cents annually, for each communicant therein, to be remitted, semi-annually, together with such voluntary contributions as may be made for the same object, to the Treasurer of the Convention, for the time being, subject to the Bishop's order for his own private use.

PASSED AT CONVENTION 1844.

*Resolved*, That 400 copies of the Journals of this Convention be published' and that they be disposed of in the following manner, viz: each minister having a seat in this Convention shall be furnished by the Secretary with 6 copies of the Journal, and each minister not having a seat in Convention shall receive one copy: all parishes having less than 20 communicants shall be furnished with 8 copies, all parishes having over 20 and not exceeding 40 communicants shall be entitled to 12 copies; those parishes which have over 40 and not exceeding 80 communicants shall be entitled to 15 copies, and all parishes having over 80 communicants shall be entitled to 20 copies of the Journal. The residue, except such as shall be used by the Bishop, after sending a copy to each Bishop, Standing Committee, and Church Journal, in the United States, shall remain among the archives of the Convention.

PASSED AT CONVENTION 1843.

*Resolved*, That the rule for the distribution of the Journal of this Convention, found on page 18 of the Journal of 1843, be so amended as to entitle parishes having over 100 communicants to 30 copies.

PASSED AT CONVENTION 1845.

# AN ACT

*To authorize the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State to raise a Fund for the support of a Bishop, and to aid Missionaries and necessitous Ministers, their Widows and Children.*

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, in General Assembly met,* That the Hon. James Booth, Dr. James W. Thomson, William T. Read, Esq., Caleb S. Layton, Esq., and Gen. Richard Mansfield, be and they are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic, by the name of "The Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Delaware," and by that name shall have perpetual succession; and may purchase, take and receive by deed, gift or otherwise, any property real, personal or mixed, and have and hold the same, contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded as natural persons: *Provided, however,* than the property of the said corporation and the funds thereof, shall never be applied to any other purpose than for the support and comfortable maintenance of a Bishop of said Church within said Diocese, and to aid the Missionaries, and necessitous Ministers of the said Church, their Widows and Children.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said Trustees shall hold their office until the next ensuing Annual Convention of the said Protestant Episcopal Church of said Diocese of Delaware, and until their successors in office shall be appointed and qualified; at which said next Annual Convention, and at every Annual Convention hereafter, Trustees shall be appointed pursuant to such Rules, By-Laws, or Canons of the said Church, as may be in force at the time of such appointment: *Provided,* the same be not repugnant to the Constitution of this State.

SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the property or funds of the said corporation shall never be sold, alienated, or otherwise disposed of, unless for the purpose of reinvesting the proceeds thereof, or appropriating the same as hereinafter provided; which the said Annual Convention may authorize and require said Trustees to do, under such rules, limitations and restrictions as the said Convention may from time to time adopt: *Provided,* that the clear annual income and profit of the said corporation arising from the property, or funds so held by it, shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

SECTION 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the Legislature hereby reserves the power of revoking, altering and amending this Act: but such revocation, alteration or amendment shall in no case divest the property, funds, money or rights acquired under its provisions; nor divest them from the purpose therein expressed; but such property, funds, money and rights of said corporation, in case of such revocation, shall enure to the said Annual Convention, for the uses and purposes herein-before mentioned.

PASSED AT DOVER, February 6, 1846.

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## FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

## PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OF THE

## DIOCESE OF DELAWARE,

HELD IN CHRIST CHURCH, MILFORD,

ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 1849.

WILMINGTON, DEL.:
J. T. HEALD, 125 MARKET STREET.

1849.

# LIST OF LAY DELEGATES,

*Certificates of whose election by their respective churches, were presented and approved.*

St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington—*John B. Lewis*, * *Gregg Chandler.*

Trinity Church. Wilmington—* *E. G. Bradford. H. H. J. Naff.*

Immanuel Church, New Castle—*Wm. T. Read, Nath'l. Wolfe.*

St. Thomas' Church, Newark—*Geo. B. Curtis, Benj. Caulk.*

St. Ann's Church, Appoquinimink—*Peregrine Hendrickson, Lewis T. Roberts.*

Christ Church, Milford—*William Burton, Robert Clark.*

St. James' Church, Stanton—*John Foote, Jacob Whiteman.*

St. Paul's Church, Georgetown—*Hon. C. S. Layton, Laban L. Lyons.*

St. Matthew's Church, Cedar Creek—*George R. Fisher*, **Zachariah Deputy.*

St. John's Church, Little Hill—**Joshua Cannon, Geo. W. Hearn.*

Christ Church, Broad Creek—* *Wm. W. Dulaney, Robert G. Elligood.*

St. Luke's Church, Seaford—*Charles Wright, James Stewart.*

St. Georges Church, Indian River—*James F. Burton, John B. Burton.*

St. Mark's Church, Millsborough—*Wm. E. Burton*, * *Charles C. Stockley.*

St. Peter's Church, Lewes—*Wm. P. Orr, Wm. M. Hickman.*

Christ Church, Delaware City,
Church of St. John the Baptist, Milton,
Prince George's Church, Dagsborough,
Grace Church, Brandywine,
St. Peter's Church, Smyrna,
} Not represented.

* Absent.

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OF THE

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

CHRIST CHURCH, MILFORD, MAY 30, 1849.

THIS being the day constitutionally appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Delaware, the Right Rev. ALFRED LEE, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and a number of Clerical and Lay Delegates, assembled in Christ Church, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Bishop took the Chair, and called the Convention to order.

A list of the Clergy, entitled to seats in this Convention, was called over by the Secretary of the last Convention, and the following gentlemen answered to their names:

Right Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese.
" Thomas F. Billopp,
" Samuel C. Brinckle,
" Andrew F. Freeman,
" George Hall,
" Jas. W. Hoskins,
" John L. McKim.

The Chair appointed Rev. Andrew F. Freeman, and Wm. T. Read, Esq., a committee to receive and examine the certificates of Lay Delegates.

Of the List, reported by the committee as duly elected, the following gentlemen answered to their names, and took their seats in Convention.

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| H. H. J. Naff, | Lewis T. Roberts, | James Stewart, |
| John B. Lewis, | Wm. Burton, | Laban L. Lyons, |
| Wm. T. Read, | Robert H. Clark, | George W. Hearn, |
| Nathaniel Wolfe, | John Foote, | James F. Burton, |
| G. B. Curtis, | Jacob Whiteman, | John B. Burton, |
| Benj. Caulk, | George R. Fisher, | Charles Wright. |
| P. Hendrickson, | Robert G. Elligood, | |

The Chair declared the House fully organised; and the Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary.

Rev. Mr. Freeman, and Mr. H. H. J. Naff were appointed tellers, who, after counting the ballots, reported that the Rev. Thomas F. Billopp, had received the votes of the house.

The Chair declared him to be the Secretary of the Convention for the ensuing year.

It was, on motion *Resolved*, That the Rules of Order of the las Convention, be adopted as the Rules of Order of the present meeting.

## RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with Prayer.

2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and, without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.

7. If a question in debate contains more parts than one, any member may have the same divided into as many questions as there are parts.

8. While the President is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.

9. Every member, who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

10. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded; and reduced to writing, when required.

11. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before any thing new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.

12. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

13. When the house is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves the chair.

14. The Journals of the Convention shall be published by the Secretary, under the supervision of the Bishop, and a copy sent to each member of the Convention.

15. The charge or sermon, when delivered by the Bishop before the Convention, shall be published by the Secretary, under the supervision of the Bishop, and one copy sent to each Clergyman, and ten copies to each vestry in the Diocese.

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It was moved and seconded, that Clergymen, and Candidates for Orders, who may be present and not entitled to seats in this body, be, and they are hereby invited to attend the sittings of this Convention.

The account of the Treasurer of the Convention was now presented, and on motion, referred to a committee for examination. The chair appointed the following: Rev. Mr. Brinckle, George R. Fisher, and John B. Lewis.

The Hon. Caleb S. Layton, from St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, appeared and took his seat.

It was moved and seconded, that a Treasurer *pro tem.* be elected to supply the place of the Treasurer of the Diocese, who did not attend the Convention. Mr. H. H. J. Naff was nominated, and received the votes of the house.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention now take a recess for Divine service.

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The Order for Daily Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Samuel C. Brinckle, assisted in the Lessons by Rev. Jas. W. Hoskins.

The Bishop read the Ante-Communion service, and delivered the Convention Sermon.

The Lord's Supper was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by Rev. Mr. Billopp.

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After the congregation was dismissed, the house was called to order by the Bishop.

Wm. P. Orr and Wm. M. Hickman, Esqrs., delegates from St. Peter's Church, Lewes, presented their testimonials, and took their seats in Convention.

It was moved and seconded, that the election of the annual officers of the Diocese, be made the order for the day, for to-morrow morning, immediately after Divine service.

An application was received from St. Mark's Church, Millsborough, requesting to be received into union with the Church in this Diocese.

It was, on motion, referred to the following committee, appointed by the Chair: Rev. Mr. M'Kim, Caleb S. Layton, Benjamin Caulk.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until this afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

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MAY 30, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The house was requested to come to order by the Bishop. The Secretary called the roll, and the minutes of the morning's proceedings were read and approved.

The committee to whom was referred the application of St. Mark's Church, Millsborough, reported that they had considered said application, and found it to be in accordance with Article XIII, of the Constitution of the Diocese—and having also, satisfactory evidence that the Articles of Association of St. Mark's Church, are in no way inconsistent with the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese, they therefore submit the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That St. Mark's Church, Millsborough, Sussex county, be, and it is hereby admitted into union with this Convention.

JOHN L. M'KIM,
BENJAMIN CAULK,
CALEB S. LAYTON.

Mr. Wm. E. Burton now presented his certificate of election from

St. Mark's Church, Millsborough, which was examined by the appropriate committee and found correct. The gentleman then answered to his name and took his seat.

The committee to whom the account of the Treasurer was referred, reported that they had examined the same and found it correct.

SAMUEL C. BRINCKLE,
GEORGE R. FISHER,
JOHN B. LEWIS.

The Bishop then delivered his annual address.

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# ADDRESS

*To the Clerical and Lay Members of the Fifty-ninth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Delaware.*

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:

I now ask your attention to a detail of my official acts during the past Conventional year, together with a statement of the condition of the Diocese. In the performance of this duty, it is not usually the privilege of your Bishop to speak in the most flattering terms, or to indulge the most sanguine hopes of prosperity and increase. The peculiar obstacles which impede our onward course, can only be appreciated by those who have been called to encounter them. I am fully satisfied that it is an easier and more encouraging task to plant the church in a new soil, than to raise it again, where it has been depressed and broken down. There is an excitement and energy in a new enterprise, often most conducive to success, which in a field like ours, are wanting, and the same measure of ministerial ability, devotedness, and zeal, which, under the divine blessing, would cause many a wilderness to bloom and blossom as the rose, often seems to be spent in vain, upon a once fertile, but now apparently exhausted soil. Hence it should be no disappointment to us, that we may not chronicle from year to year, rapid advancement and large accessions. Our work is eminently one of patience and faith. We need to take hold

strongly of the promises of the Word of God, and to remember that it is written "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." To obtain for the church of our choice and affection, that elevated position and extended influence which we earnestly desire, and which would make her indeed a joy and a praise in the land, the indispensable requisite is, to secure a general and increasing confidence in the purity of her doctrines and the holiness of her influence. Could all who profess attachment to her fold, exhibit the manifest excellence of pure and undefiled religion in their daily lives, it would do more than every thing beside, to break down prejudice, and to conciliate regard. Let it be evident that we, the ministers and members of the Episcopal Church, are a holy people unto the Lord, and there will be increasing numbers ready to exclaim, "We will go with you, for we know that God is with you of a truth." But without this persuasion on the part of the community, our hands hang down, and our knees tremble. It will be to little purpose to press the distinctive features of our church, upon those who see no fruits unto holiness, accompanying the profession and maintenance of our principles, and who are therefore not convinced that it is the more excellent way to Christian practice and meetness for heaven. Our anxiety, who are appointed to the sacred ministry, should be so to lift up Christ, that men may be drawn unto him; our chief object should be to honor and glorify, not ourselves or our church, but our Saviour. And inasmuch as the Lord hath promised "Them that honor me, I will honor," we may then confidently trust that his presence will go with us, and his candle shine brightly in our tabernacle. Neither should we fail in grateful acknowledgment of what the Lord hath already done for us. If our progress be not all we desire and pray for, it is yet such as may well excite our thankfulness. We are permitted to see new temples rising for the worship of God, and old houses of prayer, that had become ruinous, repaired and again occupied. With some few exeeptions our congregations are increasing in numbers, evince more interest in the services of the sanctuary, and give some cheering tokens of the life-giving power of the gospel of Christ. All but one are now supplied with regular ministerial services, and the labors of the ministry seem not wholly in vain in the Lord.

The new parish of Christ Church, Delaware City, admitted at

the last Convention, made arrangements shortly after, for the erection of a house of worship of good dimensions, and handsome architecture. The day fixed for my laying the corner stone, proved too inclement for an assemblage; and it was subsequently laid with the usual religious services in my absence, by the Rev. T. F. Billopp. The progress of this edifice was unfortunately and suddenly arrested by the death of the contractor a few months afterwards, but it is hoped that it may ere long, be resumed and brought to completion.

In October last, I had the gratification of attending the examination, at the close of the term, of the Rev. Mr. Franklin's Female Seminary, near Newark; and, on my visit to St. Thomas' Church a short time since, administered the rite of Confirmation to seven of his pupils. The institution, I am happy to say, is gaining friends and patronage. Its advantages as a Seminary of christian education, upon the principles of our church, are of a high character. I have reason to believe that the instruction in different branches is thorough and judicious, that the discipline is parental and kind, the religious influence decided and happy, and that much and lasting benefit may be expected therefrom, both to the pupils themselves, and to the Church.

The Chapels at Millsborough and Laurel I found in satisfactory progress. I was pleased to hear that there was a desire on the part of many, to repair the old church at Dagsborough, which I hope will be done. The good effect of multiplying our church buildings, and thus rendering our services accessible to many who have hitherto had no opportunity of attending them, is shewn at Long Neck, where the little chapel, lately erected, proves already too small for the congregation. Neither do I think that there is any cause for the fear sometimes expressed, that this erection of chapels, will prove disadvantageous to the old parish churches. The distances at which many persons of the different congregations have heretofore resided from their places of worship, has been such as to shut out large portions of families, especially the young, from attending; and the consequence has been in many cases, their indifference or alienation from the church of their fathers. We must go out into the highways and hedges if we would compel men to come in.

Two points I would mention as not to be overlooked in the extension of church accommodation. First, Let the Sunday School go with the church, as far as practicable; and probably it is oftener

practicable than we imagine. And, here, I may state that I was gratified with the success which has attended the zealous efforts of our Missionary in the Eastern part of Sussex county, to revive the schools throughout his extensive district. Secondly, let care be taken to provide in our churches, good accommodations for such colored persons as are disposed to attend. This point was much more considered in our old churches than at present. There is much difficulty, I am aware, in extending the influence of the Church, to this class of our fellow beings. But doubtless, their general estrangement is greatly owing to past remissness and neglect, on the part of the church itself. The experience of our brethren in the Southern Dioceses, shews conclusively, that there is no foundation in the idea, that our services are ill adapted to interest their minds, reach their hearts, and improve their characters. Those services are proved to be most attractive and most beneficial in their influence. I should feel it to be a sinful faliure of duty, if we considered ourselves released from all responsibility for their spiritual welfare; and in the hope that the church may thus prove a blessing, to souls for whom Christ died, would urge that the doors of our Sanctuaries should be always open to them: and that a place should be always reserved for such as are disposed to worship with us. "Unto the poor the gospel is preached."

In the course of my Episcopal visitations, and at other times, I have officiated in the following religious services in the different parishes of the diocese:—I have preached in Grace Church, Brandywine Hundred, twice; at Dupont's Mills, twice; in Trinity Church, Wilmington, twice; in Trinity Chapel, four times; in Immanuel Church, New Castle, twice; in New Castle County Alms House, once; in St. Thomas', Newark, twice; at Delaware City, once; in St. Peters', Smyrna, twice; in St. Ann's, Appoquinimink, twice; at Dover, once; in Christ Church, Milford, three times; in St. Matthew's, Cedar Creek, twice; in St. Paul's, Georgetown, twice; at Milton, twice; in St. Peter's, Lewes, four times; in St. George's, Indian River, twice; in Chapel of the Comforter, Long Neck, twice; in St. Mark's, Millsborough, four times; in St. John's, Little Hill, twice; at Laurel, three times; in Christ Church, Broad Creek, twice; in St. Luke's, Seaford, twice; in all, exclusive of St. Andrew's, Wilmington, fifty-four times. Without the diocese, four times.

I have confirmed thirty-seven persons, on seven occasions, viz:

In Trinity chapel, Wilmington, eight; St. Andrew's, Wilmington, eight; Immanuel, New Castle, four; St. Thomas, Newark, seven; St. Ann's, Appoquinimink, seven; St. Peter's, Lewes, two; at Georgetown, (in private,) one sick person. I have administered the Holy Communion when present at the meetings of convocations, in several churches on visitation at the request of the Rectors, or when the parochial ministers were Deacons. I have performed, without the parish of St. Andrew's, the following baptisms, viz: Of two adults, at the Chapel of the Comforter, Long Neck; of ten infants, at Du Pont's Mills; one in Immanuel Church, New Castle, and two in the parish of Christ Church, Broad Creek.

Clerical changes during the year have been as follows:—There have been received into the diocese, the Rev. James W. Hoskins, by letter of dismission from Bishop Wittingham, accepted by me, December 2d, 1848; the Rev. George Hall, by letter of dismission from Bishop Meade, accepted by me, December 9th, 1848; the Rev. Enoch Bailey, by letter of dismission from Bishop Wittingham, accepted March 26th, 1849. I have granted letters of dismission from the diocese, September 22d, 1848, to the Rev. Jacob Brinton Smith, to Bishop Potter, of Pennsylvania; September 22d, 1848, to Mr. Edmund Roberts, Candidate for Orders, addressed to Bishop De Lancey, of Western New York. The Rev. Jacob B. Smith resigned the charge of St. Luke's Church, Seaford; St. John's, Little Hill; and Christ Church, Laurel, in August, 1848. The Rev. James W. Hoskins entered upon the duties of the same parishes, Nov. 28th, following. The Rev. George Hall took charge of St. Peter's, Lewes; St. Georges, Indian River; and St. Mark's, Millsborough, October 1st, 1848; and has been appointed Missionary at those churches. The Rev. Samuel C. Brinckle has been appointed Missionary in the neighborhood of Wilmington, and is officiating regularly at Du-Pont's Mills. Mr. Brinckle's services are rendered without missionary salary. The Rev. Andrew F. Freeman has been officiating as Missionary at Delaware City for the last eight months; previous to which time, services there had been supplied by the clergy of the northern Convocation in turn. The Rev. Wm. H. Trapnell has ceased to officiate in Grace Church, Brandywine Hundred. The other churches are supplied as reported last year.

It is not often, brethren, that I can pen a conventional address, without being called to the painful duty of adverting to the breaches

which another year hath made in our ranks. Scarce can I meet an assemblage like this, and not be struck with the mournful evidence afforded, that we live in a world of change and death. Familiar forms, that had heretofore met my eye, are wanting, and friendly voices are no longer heard in our counsels. The year past has been also one of affliction in many parts of the diocese. The Church in which we are now gathered, has been deprived of two of its most valued and useful communicants. Draper and Layton, frequent members of this convention in former years—men whose loss is deeply felt by the whole community in which they lived, are no longer with us. And scarce can I trust myself to allude to one, who, respected and beloved by all to whom he was known, and honored by this Convention with important offices, stood to me in the position of a faithful parishioner, and confidential friend. Whatever I might say of Edmund Canby, to strangers, might seem the eulogistic language of partial friendship; but by those who knew him well, would be judged inadequate to the real merits of his pure, benevolent, and truly christian character. For many years he had enjoyed that respect, admiration, and confidence of the community, which his sterling qualities of head and heart so well merited. By his appointment as a delegate to the last General Convention, he had become more widely known and valued in the Church. To the cause of his Redeemer, he was now devoting all the powers of his judicious mind, and all the affections of his noble heart. And we had good ground to hope for no common benefits, to the Church which he so highly appreciated and warmly loved, from his example and his efforts. But this hope, it hath pleased the Lord to frustrate, and when the journal of our last Convention was published, it announced his removal from those earthly trusts, which the confidence of his brethren had just committed to him. The message of the great Disposer of events is not to be misunderstood. "Be ye also ready." Your working time may be brief indeed: it is not long that we can here labor for the glory of Christ, and the eternal welfare of our fellow men. Let the solemn dispensations of the past year animate us, as members of Christ's church, to faithfulness, zeal, and true devotion; and may the consideration that we are permitted for so short a period to labor in unison for these high and holy objects, shed upon our deliberations a spirit of harmony, forbearance, and brotherly love.

ALFRED LEE.

It was moved and seconded that the vote of this morning, making the election of the annual officers of the Diocese, the order of the day for to-morrow morning, immediately after Divine Service, be reconsidered, and it was, on motion—

*Resolved*, That said election take place at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

*Resolved*, That the next annual Convention of this Diocese, be held in St. Peter's Church, Lewes.

The Account of the Treasurer of the Missionary and Education Committee, was presented and read, and placed in the hands of the Chairman of the committee for the purpose of preparing the annual report of said committee, for publication in the Journal.

## Seventh Annual Report of the Missionary and Education Committee.

The Missionary and Education Committee report, that their receipts since the last Convention, have amounted to the sum of three hundred and eighty-six 44-100 dollars :—viz. from

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| St. Andrew's, Wilmington, Church Offerings, | $137 83 | $184 68 |
| " " Sunday School, | 46 85 | |
| Trinity, Wilmington, | | 72 17 |
| Immanuel, New Castle, | | 50 00 |
| St. Thomas, Newark, | | 30 25 |
| St. Paul's, Georgetown, | | 24 75 |
| St. Ann's, Appoquinimink, | | 11 00 |
| St. Peter's, Lewes, | | 5 77 |
| St. Mark's, Millsboro' | | 3 70 |
| St. George's, Indian River, | | 2 62 |
| Chapel of the Comforter, Long Neck, | | 1 50 |
| | | $386 44 |

This amount has been applied as follows:

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| To Foreign Missions, as directed, | 55 82 |
| To Domestic (out of the Diocese) | 25 00 |
| To Diocesan, | 305 62 |
| | $386 44 |

The receipts of the Committee, it will be seen do not equal those of last year, and several years before. The average for the six previous years, since the present organization, has been $593 36.

One cause, doubtless, of the deficiency apparent in the present Report, is the fact, that, during a considerable portion of the year past, two of our Missionary Stations have been vacant. The Committee were not under the necessity of making the same appeals as heretofore, and have asked for but one general collection instead of two. At the same time, our churches can scarcely be relieved from some imputation of remissness. The Committee would greatly deplore any dimunition of interest in this cause, and trust there is no real ground for such apprehension. As the stations are now fully supplied, it is obvious that during the coming year, the Committee ought to be provided with more sufficient means for meeting the implied engagement of the Diocese, to pay one half of the salaries of the Missionaries in the employ of the General Board. It is our impression that if the Canon, providing for a Monthly Collection in each Church, were generally acted upon, there would be no hazard of any failure.

Your Committee find much to encourage in the result of past efforts, and in the present condition of their field. Since this work was revived, several new churches have been built, and old ones repaired and re-opened. From the continuance of our exertions, with sustained interest and zeal, they hope for yet richer and more abundant results. Shall we now flag, or grow weary? Shall our houses of prayer again be closed, and our congregations scattered as sheep without a shepherd? If the hearts of our people answer No! let us remind them that to avert such a calamity, their alms and their prayers must be offered together unto God.

Since the last Convention, the Committee have been called to mourn the loss of a gentleman, Edmund Canby Esq., who had during four years, acted as one of their number, and who was ever ready to devote to this cause, his time and talents. As a member of this body, he was invariably punctual and attentive. Deprived of his further co-operation, and lamenting deeply the loss to themselves and to the Church, they cherish the recollection of his former participation in their duties, and cannot close their Report, without paying to his memory the tribute of their affection and esteem.

ALFRED LEE,
THOMAS F. BILLOPP,
EDWIN M. VAN DEUSEN,
EDWARD G. BRADFORD.

The account of Messrs. Wilson & Heald, of Wilmington, for printing the Journal of 1848, &c., was presented, read and allowed.

The Secretary of the Convention presented an account for expenses officially incurred by him during the past year, which was allowed.

Mr. Laban L. Lyons was allowed leave of absence during the remainder of the session.

It was, on motion, *Resolved*, That the annual assessment for the Convention Fund, from the Church of St. John the Baptist, at Milton, and from Christ Church, Delaware City, be remitted.

The hour for taking up the order for the day having arrived, it was *Resolved*, That the Convention now proceed to the election of a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Mr. Freeman and George W. Hearn, Esq., tellers, to receive and count the ballots.

They reported that the votes of the house were in favor of WILLIAM P. BROBSON, Esq., and the Chair declared Mr. Brobson to be the Treasurer of the Diocese for the ensuing year.

*Resolved*, That the Convention now proceed to the election of a Standing Committee.

Nominations were made of several gentlemen; and the Chair appointed the Rev. Wm. Hoskins and the Rev. Geo. Hall, on the part of the Clergy, and Dr. Wm. Burton and Jas. F. Burton, on the part of the Laity, as tellers to examine the ballots.

They reported that the following gentlemen had received a majority of the votes of the Convention:

| *Of the Clergy.* | *Of the Laity.* |
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| Rev. Thomas F. Billopp, | William T. Read, |
| " Walter E. Franklin, | George B. Rodney, Esqrs. |
| " Edwin M. Van Deusen. | |

The Chair declared these gentlemen duly elected as the Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

*Resolved*, That the Convention elect the Delegates from this Diocese, to the next General Convention.

The same tellers were appointed, and after several nominations had been made, the house proceeded to ballot.

Upon examination, the tellers reported that a majority of the

votes of the house had been given in favor of the following gentlemen:

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| Rev. Mr. Billopp, | Wm. T. Read, |
| " " McKim, | Robert Burton, |
| " " Freeman, | Benjamin Gibbs, |
| " " Franklin, | William Burton, M. D. |

The Chair declared these gentlemen duly elected Delegates to represent this Diocese in the next General Convention.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Charles Wright during the remainder of the session.

The house proceeded to the election of members of the Education and Missionary Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Freeman and Mr. John B. Lewis were appointed tellers, and upon counting the ballots, they reported that the following gentlemen had received the votes of the house, viz:

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| Rev. Mr. Billopp, | Edward G. Bradford, |
| " " Van Deusen, | James F. Wilson. |

The Chair declared these gentlemen duly elected the Education and Missionary Committee for the ensuing year.

*Resolved*, That 400 copies of the Journal of this Convention be printed and distributed under the direction of the Bishop and Secretary of the Convention.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer pay to the Sexton of this Church, the usual sum ($4.00) for his services during the Convention.

The following resolutions were presented, and on motion adopted by the Convention:

1. *Resolved*, That the Wardens and Vestry of each parish in this Diocese, be, and they are hereby respectfully requested to use their best efforts to procure subscriptions to the fund for the support of a Bishop in this Diocese, and to aid Missionaries and necessitous Ministers, their widows and children.

2. *Resolved*, That said Wardens and Vestry are hereby requested to make annual returns of their doings to the Trustees of said fund in time to enable said Trustees to make their annual report to the Convention of the Diocese.

CALEB S. LAYTON,
WM. T. READ.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the

Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church, Milford, and also to the citizens of Milford, for their kindness and attention to its members.

*Resolved*, That the Convention take a recess until after divine service this evening.

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The order for daily evening prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Billopp, and the annual Sermon in behalf of Missions was delivered by the Rev. Andrew F. Freeman.

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The house was again called to order by the Bishop.

The following report from the committee on Christ Church, Dover, was presented and read, and ordered to be put on file by the Secretary of the Convention:

The committee on the Glebe, belonging to Christ Church, Dover, beg leave to report, that in the summer of 1848, and the fall of that year, they caused the church to be sufficiently repaired to preserve it, and protect it from the rapid decay to which it was going for want of such repairs. The yard has also been enclosed by repairing the fence; the expenditures in doing this have not exceeded forty or fifty dollars. The Glebe is now under lease, and being considerably improved by the application of the rents for that purpose.

The committee cannot forbear to express their grateful acknowledgments to Dr. Wm. Morris, of Dover, for the kind attention he bestowed in superintending the repairs upon the church.

The work directed to be done was faithfully performed, and with due economy, under his supervision.

EDWARD WOOTEN,
WILLIAM T. READ,
*Committee.*

May 30, 1849.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the committee on the Glebe of Christ Church, Dover, be continued.

It was moved and seconded, that the Bishop be requested to furnish to the Convention, a copy of his sermon delivered this morning, for publication; and if agreeable to him to comply, that 250 copies be printed for the use of the members.

It was, on motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention do now adjourn, *sine die*.

The minutes of the afternoon's proceedings were then read and approved. The Bishop rose and pronounced the Benediction, and the Convention adjourned.

Attest, THOS. FARMAR BILLOPP, *Secretary*.

**Standing Committee Elected, 1849.**

Rev. Thomas F. Billopp,
" Walter E. Franklin,
" Edwin M. Van Deusen,
Wm. T. Read,
Geo. B. Rodney.

**Delegates to the General Convention.**

Rev. Thomas F. Billopp,
" John L. McKim,
" Walter E. Franklin,
" Andrew F. Freeman,
Wm. T. Read,
Robert Burton,
Benjamin Gibbs,
Wm. Burton, M. D.

**Missionary and Education Committee.**

Right Rev. ALFRED LEE, D. D., *Chairman*.
Rev. Thomas F. Billopp,
" Edwin M. Van Deusen,
Edward G. Bradford,
James F. Wilson.

**Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.**

Hon. James Booth,
Dr. J. W. Thomson,
Hon. Caleb S. Layton,
Hon. Edward Wootten,
Wm. T. Read.

**Committee on the Glebe of Christ Church, Dover.**

George W. Cummins,
Wm. T. Read,
Hon. Edward Wootten.

*Treasurer of the Convention*, WILLIAM P. BROBSON, Esq.
*Secretary of the Convention*, THOMAS F. BILLOPP.

# APPENDIX.

## PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

### Report of St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington.

Report of St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, for the Conventional year, ending May 30th, 1849.

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| Baptized—Adults 6, Infants 11, | | | 17 |
| Confirmed, | | | 8 |
| Communicants—Died, | | | 7 |
| " Removed, | | | 9 |
| " Added, from abroad, 9, | | | 24 |
| " New, 15, | | | |
| Present No. | | | 138 |
| Marriages, | | | 5 |
| Funerals, | | | 17 |
| Sunday Schools, | | | 2 |
| Teachers—Male 8, Female 14, | | | 22 |
| Scholars—Male 111, Female 121, | | | 232 |
| Day Schools, | | | 2 |
| Teachers 2, Scholars | | | 70 |
| Contributions—Missionary, Church Offerings, | $142 83 | | |
| " Sunday School " | 46 85 | | |
| | | 189 | 68 |
| Episcopal Fund $65, Convention $15, | | 80 | 00 |
| Communion Alms, | | 37 | 29 |
| Parish School, | | 61 | 00 |
| Other purposes, | | $1000 | 00 |

Public Services, twice every Sunday, * other days 17.

*Less frequent than usual on account of Rector's ill health.

ALFRED LEE, Rector.

Remarks:—This Parish during the year past has been peculiarly visited by the afflictive hand of the Almighty. Many families have been clothed with mourning, and the church has lamented the loss of several communicants of exemplary life and extensive influence. It has been our privilege to feel with unusual confidence, the precious consolations provided in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ for the season of affliction, and to thank God for his grace manifested in the good examples of his departed servants. Yet we are constrained to feel that the loss sustained is most heavy.

The solemn visitations of the Most High seem not to have failed of some good influence upon those who are spared. The Rector has had the satisfaction of noticing a growing interest and seriousness in his flock, and of directing some of those, over whose souls he watches, to Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.—The breaches made by death and removal in the Communion of the Church have

been more than filled, and the accessions have been chiefly from that most interesting portion of a Pastor's charge, the young.

The Rector is able to report some progress in the liquidation of the debt on the Church. About one thousand dollars have been raised for that object; and this, with previous payments, has reduced the amount to the extent of nearly one-half the sum due at the time of his entrance upon the rectorship. Four years ago it was the hope of the Rector, if spared to make the present Report, to be able to state at this time the entire removal of so serious a draw-back on the prosperity of a Church. He would fain cherish the hope that an event so truly desirable is not very distant. It is his impression that if the congregation, by a united effort, would at once throw off this vexation and burden, they would feel themselves so abundantly compensated in their enjoyment of the privileges of the sanctuary, that no one would ever regret his personal sacrifices for this object.

During a temporary interruption of the duties of the Rector through sickness, and while absent on Episcopal visitations, the Parish has enjoyed the kindly-rendered and most acceptable services of the Rev. Samuel C. Brinckle.

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## Report of Trinity Church, Wilmington.

Report of Trinity Church, Wilmington, for the Conventional year ending May 30th, 1849.

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| Baptized—Adults 2, Infants 31, | | | 33 |
| Confirmed, | | | 8 |
| Communicants—Died, | | | 6 |
| " | Removed, | | 8 |
| " | Suspended | | 1 |
| " | Withdrawn, | | 1 |
| " | Added, | | 12 |
| " | Present No. | | 121 |
| Marriages, | | | 7 |
| Funerals, | | | 27 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers—Male 4, Female 8—Total | | | 12 |
| | Scholars—Male 60, Female 90—Total | | 150 |
| Contributions—Missionary, | | $80 34 | |
| " | Convention Fund, | 15 00 | |
| " | Other purposes, | 1725 06 | |
| Public Services, on Sundays, 180, other days 91, | | | 271 |

May 30th, 1849. EDWIN MARTIN VAN DEUSEN, Rector.
AZARIAH PRIOR, Assistant Minister.

Remarks:—The improvements at the Chapel, spoken of in the last report as already in progress, have been completed, with the exception of the spire. We hope to finish *it* during the present season. The bell was elevated to the tower on the 1st of October, weighing 1203 lbs., and costing about $400—the liberal donation of a communicant in the Church. Through the generosity of another communicant, a massive marble font has been placed in the Chapel. A few weeks before the decease of another member of the Church, highly respected and much beloved for his humility and many years of devoted service, the parish was blessed with the liberal gift of $1000.

Rev. A. Prior has been acting as assistant minister of the parish since the first Sunday in October, and the Parish Church has been regularly opened for public

worship on Sundays, morning and afternoon, since that time. The Sunday afternoon service had been previously uninterrupted. He also teaches a classical school for boys during the week. The Parish school under the charge of Miss H. Davis, has been enlarged by securing an additional teacher for more advanced scholars, and has been well patronized during the year. It is now constantly increasing by additions almost every week, and is realizing the ends for which it was established. The Rector visits it weekly for religious services, and the catechetical instruction of its pupils.

The congregations at the Chapel have never been as encouraging, as during the last eight months; both on account of increased numbers and respectful attention. A large portion of the persons attending the Sunday evening service, having no connection with the Parish, and being apparently strangers to the worship of the Church, an opportunity is afforded for the removal of prejudice, and securing the attention of a class of individuals who are generally found opposed to her sacred teaching and apostolic institutions.

It will be perceived that a large amount of funds have been collected, principally to meet the expense of the improvements at the Chapel. The Rector would here express his high appreciation of the liberality of his parishioners, and the readiness manifested by them in carrying forward the measures proposed for the prosperity of the Parish. The past year has been one of ceaseless service and trying duty; but filled with very much to encourage to increased faithfulness, and prompt additional zeal and labor. We are the servants of Him who has said, "I will not leave you comfortless."

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## Report of Immanuel Church, New Castle, Del.,

For the Conventional year ending May 30th, 1849:

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| Baptized—Adults, 1, Infants, 6, | | | 7 |
| Confirmed, | | | 4 |
| Communicants—Died, | | | 1 |
| " Removed, | | | 1 |
| " Added, | | | 13 |
| " Present number, | | | 55 |
| Marriages, | | | 0 |
| Funerals, | | | 4 |
| Sunday School: Teachers—Male, 6: Female, 10: | | | 16 |
| Scholars—Male 30: Female, 40: | | | 70 |
| Contributions—Missionary, | | $50 00 | |
| Episcopal and Convention Funds, | | 32 00 | |
| Other purposes, | | 50 00 | |

Public Services on Sundays, and other days as usual.

May 29th, 1849. THOS. F. BILLOPP, Rector.

Remarks:—In addition to the above noted contribution, in behalf of Missions,—efforts of a private character have been made by some of the younger members of the Church, with very gratifying results. The amounts collected by them, and forwarded according to their desire,—have been received and acknowledged by the far distant Missionary. The Rector rejoices in the privilege of being able to report a larger number of communicants, than has ever perhaps appeared upon the Journal, as belonging to his parish.

## Report of St. Thomas' Church, Newark, Del.

For the Conventional year ending May 30th, 1849:

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| Baptized—Adults 3, Infants 6, | | | 9 |
| Confirmed, | | | 7 |
| Communicants—Removed, | | | 2 |
| " | Added, | | 5 |
| " | Present number, | | 20 |
| Funerals, | | | 1 |
| Contributions—Foreign Missions, | | $5 05 | |
| | Domestic Missions, | 25 20 | |
| | For Prayer Books for Delaware City, | 5 71¾ | |
| | Bishop White Prayer Book Society, | 6 38¼ | |

Public Services held usually twice on Sundays; other days, 4 times.
May 28th, 1849.

Remarks:—The congregation of St. Thomas' Church has increased in point of numbers, and we are not without evidences of the presence and blessing of God. I would add to the above that eleven of the members of my school during the past year have been communicants of the Church, but are not included in the above report.

WALTER E. FRANKLIN, Rector.

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## Report of St. Ann's Church, Appoquiniminik.

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| Baptized—Adults 4, Infants 9, | | | 13 |
| Confirmed, | | | 7 |
| Communicants—Died, | | | 1 |
| " | Removed, | | 3 |
| " | Added, | | 7 |
| " | Present No. | | 46 |
| Marriages, | | | 3 |
| Funerals, | | | 6 |
| Sunday School Teachers—Male, 1. | Female 3—Total | | 4 |
| | Scholars, about | | 40 |
| Contributions—Missionary, | | $10 00 | |
| " | Episcopal and Convention Funds, | 30 50 | |

Public Services, once every Sunday, other days, seven.
May 29th, 1849. A. F. FREEMAN, Rector.

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## Report of St. Peter's Church, Smyrna, Del.

For the Conventional year ending May 30th, 1849:

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|---|---|
| Baptized—Adults, | 1 |
| Communicants, | 5 |

Public Services once in two weeks.
May 30th, 1849. A. F. FREEMAN, Rector.

Remarks:—During most of the past year, I have officiated in St. Peter's Church

but once in two weeks. The afternoons of the other Sundays have been given to Delaware City, where we entertain strong hopes of raising up a congregation.

## Report of St. Matthew's Church, Cedar Creek.

At this Church there is divine service on every second Sunday during the summer season only. The congregation continues to be small, consisting chiefly of Churchmen, who sometimes find this place of worship more convenient to repair to, than their respective Parish Churches.

Collection for Convention Fund, $5.

May 30, 1849. JOHN L. McKIM, Rector.

## Report of Christ Church, Milford.

Report of Christ Church, Milford, for the Conventional year ending May 30, 1849.

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| Communicants—Died, | | | 2 |
| " | Removed, | | 1 |
| " | Present No. | | 7 |
| Contributions—Convention Fund, | | $5 00 | |
| Public Services on Sundays, 26. | | | |

May 30, 1849. JOHN L. McKIM, Rector.

Remarks:—During the past year this congregation has sustained a most severe loss in the removal by death of the Senior Warden, Mr. John R. Draper, and Mr. Joshua S. Layton, a Vestryman; both worthy and zealous communicants of this Church. Of the former it ought to be recorded, that this parish is indebted for much of its present prosperity (if prosperous it may be called) to his exemplary deportment and consistent piety as a Christian; to his zeal and liberality as an officer: and to his faithfulness, perseverance, and constancy as a Churchman, "when days were dark, and friends were few," and the cause of Zion in this place almost beyond hope.

Having just begun to enjoy some measure of strength and security, the Church at Milford feels most sensibly this deprivation. But we encourage ourselves with the hope that that good Providence which has sustained us under former difficulties and adversities, will not desert us now, if we be but faithful to ourselves.

## Report of St. Paul's Church, Georgetown.

Report of St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, for the Conventional year ending May 30, 1849.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Infants, | | | 1 |
| Confirmed, | | | 1 |
| Communicants—Added, | | | 1 |
| " | Present No. | | 13 |
| Marriages, | | | 2 |
| Funerals, | | | 6 |
| Sunday School—Teachers: Male 3, Female 6—Total | | | 9 |
| | Scholars, | | 54 |
| Contributions—Missionary, | | $24 75 | |
| | Episcopal and Convention Funds, | 10 03 | |
| Public Services on Sundays, 38, other days 3, | | | 31 |

May 30, 1849. JOHN L. McKIM, Rector.

## Report of St. Peter's' Church, Lewes, Del.

From October 1848, to May 30th, 1849:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Infants, | | 2 |
| Confirmed, | | 2 |
| Communicants—Present number, | | 28 |
| Marriages, | | 1 |
| Funerals, | | 1 |
| Sunday Schools: Teachers—Male, 4: Female, 6: | | 10 |
| Scholars—Male, 25: Female, 29 | | 54 |
| Contributions—Missionary, | $5 77 | |
| Episcopal and Convention Funds, | 6 00 | |
| Other purposes, | 25 00 | |

Public Services on Sundays, 17; other days, 2.

May 30th, 1849. GEORGE HALL, Rector.

Remarks:—Through the kindness of Rev. Mr. McIllvaine, there will be public services on every Sunday instead of every other Sunday. An effort is now making to obtain funds to build a new Church. Our prospects are very encouraging.

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## Report of St. Georges Church, Indian River, and the Chapel of the Comforter, Long Neck,

From October 1848, to May 30th, 1849:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Adults, | | 2 |
| Communicants—Died, | | 1 |
| " Present number, | | 19 |
| Funerals, | | 2 |
| Sunday School: Teachers—Male and Female, | | 5 |
| Scholars—Male and Female, | | 25 |
| Contributions—Missionary, | $4 12 | |
| Episcopal and Convention Funds, for 2 years, | 10 00 | |

Public Services on Sundays, 30; other days, 1.

May 30th, 1849. GEORGE HALL, Rector.

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## Report of St. Mark's Church, Millsborough and Prince George's Church, Dagsborough,

From October 1848, to May 30th, 1849:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Communicants—Died, | | 1 |
| " Present number, | | 10 |
| Funerals, | | 2 |
| Sunday Schools: Teachers—Male, 2: Female, 6: | | 8 |
| Scholars—Male and Female, | | 25 |
| Contributions - Missionary, | $3 70 | |
| Episcopal and Convention Funds, | 5 00 | |

Public Services on Sundays, 15.

May 30th, 1849. GEORGE HALL, Rector.

## Report of St. Luke's Church, Seaford.

Report of St. Luke's Church, Seaford, for the *half year* ending May 30, 1849.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Infants, | | 3 |
| Communicants—Removed, | | 3 |
| " Present No. | | 13 |
| Funerals, | | 2 |
| Contributions—For Convention, | $5 00 | |
| Other purposes, | 40 00 | |
| Public Services 15, and at Concord 6, | | 21 |

J. W. HOSKINS, Minister.

Remarks:—This Church is still in debt, which hangs like an incubus upon it, and clogs its progress; but, what is more to be dreaded, there has been for a long time, and is now, in this community, a most dreadful coldness in regard to the religion of Jesus and the welfare of His Church, which no power can remove except that which is required to raise the dead. The few faithful pray that this power may be exerted in its behalf, and therefore we are not without hope.

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## Christ Church, Broad Creek.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Adults, 2; Infants, 11: | | 13 |
| Communicants—Present number, | | 8 |
| Marriages, | | 2 |
| Funerals, | | 3 |
| Contributions—For Convention, | $10 00 | |
| For other purposes, | 84 00 | |
| Public Services 15, and at Laurel 8, | | 23 |

J. W. HOSKINS, Minister.

Remarks:—There is little, if any more ground for encouragement in regard to this Church than the one before mentioned. It was planted here nearly a hundred years ago, and like all things old it seems not suited to modern tastes generally; and therefore is far outstripped by newer and less important organizations. The Chapel at Laurel is nearly in a condition for use, and it is fondly hoped by the friends of the Church that when this shall have been completed, the prospect in this section of the "vineyard," will improve. God grant it!

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## St. John's Church, Little Hill.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Infants, | | 5 |
| Communicants—Present number, | | 29 |
| Funerals, | | 2 |
| Contributions—For Convention, | $7 50 | |
| Other purposes, | 30 00 | |
| Public Services—Ordinary 15, Extra 12, | | 27 |

Remarks:—It is now six months only since your minister entered upon this field of labor, comprising the three Churches named above; and though he has not

been encouraged as much as could be desired, yet by divine grace he has been enabled to "continue instant in season and out of season," and sustained under extremely arduous duties. While the horizon seems dark in other portions of the field, here the poor laborer finds something to cheer his drooping spirits, and induce him to hope that the word preached will be like "bread cast upon the waters, which shall be gathered after many days."

J. W. HOSKINS, Minister.

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*To the Right Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Delaware.*

The undersigned respectfully reports, that since his connexion with the Diocese in May last, he has been laboring in the vicinity of Dupont's Mills on the Brandywine. As there is no organized congregation, the usual detail will not be expected. The services are conducted in a large room, in which is taught a very flourishing Sunday School. The attendance is quite encouraging, such as to lead to the belief that with a church edifice, and the Divine blessing on the faithful administration of the word, the ingathering in time, of a large congregation may be expected. Here are all the elements necessary for such a result; fine country, with large population attracted by various manufacturing establishments in the neighborhood, and wealth enough to carry out this, or any other religious enterprise, if the right spirit be not wanting. For this object, efforts are now making; but so far the work has been retarded, owing to the difficulty of obtaining a suitable location.

In the past year your Missionary has baptized six persons—administered the communion (in private) once—married two—buried seven—and preached 77 times.

S. C. BRINCKLE.

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REPORT OF REV. MR. MANSFIELD—ST. JAMES, STANTON.

IN addition to the charge of a School, I have since the last Convention officiated at St. James' Stanton, and on one occasion in the absence of the rector administered the communion in St. Andrews', Wilmington. I have also preached at the banks of Brandywine once. The attendance at St. James' in pleasant weather is from thirty to forty. Two of the pupils of my school have recently made a profession of religion.

Z. H. MANSFIELD.

The following is the amount of assessment on each Parish in the Diocese for the support of the Episcopate, which is to be remitted semi-annually, to the Treasurer of the Convention:

| | |
|---|---|
| St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, | $69 00 |
| Trinity do do | 60 50 |
| Immanuel Church, New Castle, | 27 50 |
| St. Thomas' Church, Newark, | 10 00 |
| St. Ann's Church, Appoquinimink, | 23 00 |
| St. Peter's Church, Smyrna, | 2 50 |
| St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, | 6 50 |
| Christ Church, Milford, | 3 50 |
| St. Peter's Church, Lewes, | 14 50 |
| St. George's Church, Indian River, | 9 00 |
| St. Mark's Church, Millsborough, | 5 00 |
| St. John's Church, Little Hill, | 14 00 |
| Christ Church, Broad Creek, | 4 00 |
| St. Luke's Church, Seaford, | 6 50 |

The following table exhibits the sum which each Parish is required to contribute to the Convention Fund in accordance with Canon X.:

| | |
|---|---|
| St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, | $15 00 |
| Trinity do do | 15 00 |
| Immanuel Church, New Castle, | 10 00 |
| St. Ann's Church, Appoquinimink, | 10 00 |
| St. Peter's Church, Lewes, | 6 00 |
| St. John's Church, Little Hill, | 6 00 |
| St. Thomas' Church, Newark, | 5 00 |
| St. George's Church, Indian River, | 5 00 |
| St. James' Church, Stanton, | 5 00 |
| St. Peter's Church, Smyrna, | 5 00 |
| Christ Church, Milford, | 5 00 |
| St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, | 5 00 |
| St. Mark's Church, Millsborough, | 5 00 |
| St. Luke's Church, Seaford, | 5 00 |
| Christ Church, Broad Creek, | 5 00 |
| St. Matthew's Church, Cedar Creek, | 5 00 |
| Grace Church, Brandywine, | 5 00 |
| St. John the Baptist, Milton, | 5 00 |
| Christ Church, Delaware City, | 5 00 |

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*DR. Wm. P. Brobson, Treasurer, in account with the Diocese of Delaware.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1848 | | |
| Dec. 6. | To balance in Bank to credit of late Treasurer, - | $118 00 |
| | To the following sums received from different churches for the funds mentioned, viz.: | |
| 1849 | To St. Ann's Church, Middletown, Domestic Missions, | 6 00 |
| May 2. | " St. Andrew's Episcopal Fund, - - - | 65 00 |
| " 9. | " St. James Church, Episcopal Fund, $5<br>" do. Convention do. 5 | 10 00 |
| " 24. | " Trinity Church, Convention Fund, - - | 15 00 |
| " 26. | " St. Andrew's Church, Convention Fund, 1848, - | 15 00 |
| | | $229 00 |
| | To balance, | $71 17 |
| " 30. | To the following sums paid Mr. Naff, at Milford, at the session of the late Convention, viz.: | |
| | " St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, Convention Fund, $5<br>do do Episcopal " 5 | 10 00 |
| | " Christ's Church, Milford, Convention Fund, - - | 5 00 |
| | " St. Luke's " Seaford, do - - | 5 00 |
| | " St. Matthew's Church, Cedar Creek, do - - | 5 00 |
| | " St. Ann's Church, Middletown, Convention Fund, $8 00<br>do do do Episcopal " 22 50 | 30 50 |
| | " St. Georges Church, Indian River, Convention Fund, $5<br>do do do Episcopal " 5 | 10 00 |
| | " St. Peter's Church, Lewes, Convention Fund, - | 6 00 |
| | " Christ's Church, Broad Creek, Convention Fund, $5<br>do do Episcopal " 5 | 10 00 |
| | " St. John's Church, Little Hill, Convention " $6 00<br>do do Episcopal " 1 50 | 7 50 |
| | " St. Thomas'. Church, Newark, Convention " $5 00<br>do do Episcopal " 8 50 | 13 50 |
| | " St. Mark's Church, Convention Fund, - - | 5 00 |
| June 20. | " Immanuel Church, New Castle, Convention Fund, $10<br>do do Episcopal " 22 | 32 00 |
| | | $210 67 |

*CR. Wm. P. Brobson, Treasurer, in account with the Diocese of Delaware.*

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|---|---|---|
| 1848 | | |
| Sept. 18. | By cash paid Rt. Rev. Bishop, per receipt, - - | $35 27 |
| " 19. | " do " Wilson & Heald for printing Journal of Convention, - - - - - | 51 56 |
| 1849 | | |
| May 2. | " do " Rt. Rev. Bishop, this sum remitted to me by St. Ann's Church, in mistake, being for Domestic Missions. - - - | 6 00 |
| | " do " Rt. Rev. Bishop Lee from Episcopal Fund, | 65 00 |
| | Balance, - - - - - - - | 71 17 |
| | | $229 00 |

May 27, 1849. W. P. BROBSON, Treasurer.

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|---|---|---|
| May 30. | By amount paid Secretary at Milford, by resolution of Convention, - . - | $10 00 |
| | " do Sexton of Christ's Church, Milford, for attendance on Convention, - | 4 00 |
| June 4. | " Discount on uncurrent note of $2, received at Milford by Mr. Naff at 3 per cent., - - . - | 06 |
| | " A note of Washington Corporation of no value received at Milford, - - - - - - | 1 00 |
| | Balance in Treasurer's hands, - - - - - | 195 61 |
| | | $210 67 |

June 20, 1849. W. P. BROBSON, Treasurer.

## STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, That this Convention be held alternately in each county in this State at such place as the Convention shall annually appoint. PASSED AT CONVENTION 1831.

*Resolved*, That in all elections, the votes of a majority of all the members present—or, if voting by orders, of a majority of all present of the respective orders, shall be necessary to a choice.

PASSED AT CONVENTION 1837.

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Wardens of every Parish, to collect at the rate of fifty cents annually, for each communicant therein, to be remitted, semi-annually, together with such voluntary contributions, as may be made for the same object, to the Treasurer of the Convention, for the time being, subject to the Bishop's order for his own private use.

PASSED AT CONVENTION 1844.

# Abstract of Parochial Reports—Convention 1849.

| Names of Parishes. | Baptisms: Infants. | Baptisms: Adults. | Baptisms: Total. | Confirmed. | Communicants: Died. | Communicants: Removed. | Communicants: Suspended. | Communicants: Added. | Communicants: Present Number. | Marriages. | Funerals. | Sunday Schools: Teachers: Male | Sunday Schools: Teachers: Female | Sunday Schools: Scholars: Male | Sunday Schools: Scholars: Female | Contributions: Missions. | Contributions: Episcopal Fund. | Contributions: Other purposes. | Contributions: Total. | Rectors. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. Andrew's, Wilmington, | 11 | 6 | 17 | 8 | 7 | 9 | | 24 | 138 | 5 | 17 | 8 | 14 | 111 | 121 | $189 68 | $65 00 | 1000 00 | $1401 97 | Rt. Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D. |
| Trinity, do | 31 | 2 | 33 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 12 | 121 | 7 | 27 | 4 | 8 | 60 | 90 | 80 34 | | 1725 00 | | Rev. Edwin M. Van Deusen, |
| Immanuel, New Castle, | 6 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 1 | | 13 | 55 | | 4 | 6 | 10 | 30 | 40 | 50 00 | 22 00 | 50 00 | | " Thos. F. Billop. |
| St. Thomas', Newark, | 6 | 3 | 9 | 7 | | 2 | | 5 | 20 | | 1 | | | | | 30 25 | | 12 00 | | " Walter E. Franklin. |
| St. James', Stanton, | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | " Z. H. Mansfield, officiating. |
| St. Ann's, Appoquinimink, | 9 | 4 | 13 | 7 | 1 | 3 | | 7 | 46 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 3 | | 40 | 10 00 | 20 50 | | | " Andrew F. Freeman. |
| St. Peters, Smyrna, | | 1 | | | | | | | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | ditto. |
| St. Luke's, Seaford, | 3 | | | | | 3 | | | 13 | | 2 | | | | | | | 45 00 | | " Jas. W. Hoskins, officiatin |
| Christ Church, Broad Creek, | 11 | 2 | 13 | | | | | | 8 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | 94 00 | | ditto do |
| St. John's, Little Hill, | 5 | | | | | | | | 29 | | 2 | | | | | | | 37 50 | | do do |
| St. Peters, Lewes, | 2 | | | 2 | | | | | 28 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 25 | 29 | 5 77 | 6 00 | 25 00 | | " George Hall. |
| St. George's, Indian River, and The Chapel of the Comforter, | | 2 | | | 1 | | | | 19 | | 2 | 5 | | | 25 | 4 12 | 10 00 | | | ditto |
| St. Mark's, Millsborough, and Prince George's, Dagsborough, | | | | | 1 | | | | 10 | | 2 | 2 | 6 | | 25 | 3 70 | 5 00 | | | ditto |
| Christ Church, Milford, | | | | | 2 | 1 | | | 7 | | | | | | | | | 5 00 | | " John S. McKim. |
| St. Paul's, Georgetown, | 6 | | 1 | | | | | 1 | 13 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 6 | | 54 | 24 75 | | 10 00 | | ditto |
| St. Matthew's, Cedar Creek, | Service only on alternate Sundays during the summer. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ditto |
| Christ Church, Delaware City, | No Report. Service once a fortnight. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | " Andrew F. Freeman. |
| Grace Church, Brandywine, | | do. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St. John Baptist, Milton, | | do. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mission on Brandywine Creek, | | | 6 | | | | | | | 2 | 7 | 77 public services. | | | | | | | | " S. C. Brinckle. |
| Without Parochial limits, | 10 | | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Bishop of the Diocese. |

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# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

## PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OF THE

## DIOCESE OF DELAWARE,

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# LIST

*Of all the Ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church Canonically resident in the Diocese of Delaware, May 28th,* 1851.

*Right Rev. ALFRED LEE, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington.

*Rev. Breed Batcheller, Rector of St. James' Church, Stanton.

*Rev. Thomas F. Billopp, Rector of Immanuel Church, New Castle.

*Rev. Samuel C. Brinckle, Rector of Christ Church, Christiana Hundred.

*Rev. Samuel T. Carpenter, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Smyrna, and Missionary at Dover.

Rev. Corry Chambers, residing in Wilmington.

*Rev. Walter E. Franklin, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Newark.

*Rev. George Hall, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Lewes, St. Georges, Indian River, and St. Mark's, Millsboro'.

*Rev. Hiram R. Harrold, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Appoquinimink, and Christ Church, Delaware City.

*Rev. James W. Hoskins, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Seaford, Christ Church, Broad Creek, and St. John's, Little Hill.

Rev. Z. H. Mansfield, Teacher of a Classical School, Wilmington.

*Rev. John L. M'Kim, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, Christ Church, Milford, and St. Matthew's, Cedar Creek.

Rev. David M'Ilvaine, Deacon, residing at Lewes.

*Rev. Greenbury W. Ridgely, Missionary in Brandywine Hundred.

Rev. William H. Trapnell, residing in Wilmington.

*Rev. Edwin M. Van Deusen, Rector of Trinity Church, Wilmington.

ALFRED LEE,
*Bishop of the Prot. Ep. Church in Delaware.*

*Designates those entitled to seats in the Convention.

# LIST OF LAY DELEGATES,

*Certificates of whose election by their respective churches were presented and approved.*

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| Samuel Baily,<br>Gregg Chandler, | *St. Andrew's, Wilmington.* |
| Thomas Mackie Smith,<br>T. Jenifer Adams, | *Trinity Ch.* " |
| William T. Read,<br>*James Rogers, | *Immanuel Ch. New Castle.* |
| S. M. Curtis,<br>E. Garrigues, | *St. Thomas', Newark.* |
| Robert Justis,<br>John Foote, | *St. James', Stanton.* |
| Woolsey Burton,<br>Dr. Joseph Layton, | *St. Mark's, Millsboro'.* |
| Benjamin Gibbs,<br>Lewis T. Roberts, | *St. Ann's, Middletown.* |
| John Rodney,<br>Alfred S. Wiltbank, | *St. Peter's, Lewes.* |
| Charles Wright,<br>George Green, | *St. Luke's, Seaford.* |
| Ashbury S. Pennington,<br>Francis D. Dunlap, | *Christ Church, Delaware City.* |
| Hon. Caleb S. Layton,<br>Alfred P. Robinson, | *St. Paul's, Georgetown.* |
| Samuel J. Jefferson,<br>*Dr. Robert Clark, | *Christ Church, Milford.* |
| Jacob Raymond,<br>George W. Cummins, | *St. Peter's, Smyrna.* |
| William C. Lodge,<br>John Lodge, | *Church of the Ascension, Brandywine Hd.* |

Grace Church, Brandywine Hundred,
St. George's, Indian River,
Christ Church, Broad Creek,
St. John's, Little Hill,
Church of St. John the Baptist, Milton,
St. Matthew's, Cedar Creek,
} Not represented.

*Absent.

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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

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St. Thomas' Church, Newark, May 28, 1851.

This being the day constitutionally appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Delaware, the Bishop of the Diocese, and a number of Clerical and Lay Delegates, assembled in St. Thomas' Church, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Bishop took the Chair, and called the Convention to order.

A list of the Clergy, entitled to seats in this Convention, was called over by the Secretary of the last Convention, and the following gentlemen answered to their names.

Right Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese.
" Breed Batcheller,
" Thomas F. Billopp,
" Samuel C. Brinckle,
" Samuel T. Carpenter,
" Walter E. Franklin,
" George Hall,
" Hiram R. Harrold,
" James W. Hoskins,
" John L. McKim,
" E. M. Van Deusen.

The Chair appointed Rev. Mr. Franklin and Mr. John Foote, a Committee to receive and examine the certificates of Lay Delegates.

Of those reported by this committee as having been duly elected, the following answered to their names and took their seats in Convention:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Samuel Baily, | T. Jenifer Adams, | E. Garrigues, |
| Gregg Chandler, | William T. Read, | John Foote, |
| Thomas Mackie Smith, | S. M. Curtis, | Robert Justis, |

A quorum being present, the house proceeded to the election of a Secretary.

Rev. Mr. Hall and William T. Read, Esq. were appointed tellers; and, upon counting the ballots, reported that the Rev. Thos. F. Billopp had received the votes of the Convention.

The Chair thereupon declared the Rev. Mr. Billopp to be the Secretary of the Convention for the ensuing year.

The House, being now fully organised, proceeded to business.

The following preamble and resolution were presented, and unanimously adopted:

*Whereas*, To-morrow will be "The Ascension Day," for which especial services are appointed, and a proper preface set forth in the Communion Office—therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Bishop of the Diocese and the Rector of this Church be requested to make arrangements for such services; and that so much of Article 7th of the Constitution as prescribes the celebration of the Lord's Supper at the opening of the Convention be suspended, so that the Holy Communion may form a part of the solemnities of to-morrow.

The Rules of Order of the last Convention were adopted as the Rules of Order of the present meeting.

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## RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with prayer.

2. When the President takes the chair no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the president, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.

7. If a question in debate contains more parts than one, any member may have the same divided into as many questions as there are parts.

8. While the President is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.

9. Every member, who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

10. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded; and reduced to writing, when required.

11. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before any thing new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.

12. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

13. When the house is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves the chair.

14. The Journals of the Convention shall be published by the Secretary, under the supervision of the Bishop, and a copy sent to each member of the Convention.

15. The charge or sermon, when delivered by the Bishop before the Convention, shall be published by the Secretary, under the supervision of the Bishop, and one copy sent to each Clergyman, and ten copies to each vestry in the Diocese.

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An application from the new parish of Christ Church, Christiana Hundred, for admission into union with this Convention was presented, and referred to the following committee

Rev. Samuel T. Carpenter,
Dr. Thomas Mackie Smith,
Mr. Edward Garrigues.

It was Resolved that Clergymen, and Candidates for orders, who may be present and not entitled to seats, be and they are hereby, invited to attend the sittings of this Convention.

The Rev. Charles W. Quick, of Pittsburg, presented his name, and took a seat in Convention, under the above resolution.

Mr. Woolsey Burton and Dr. Joseph R. Layton appeared as delegates from St. Mark's Church, Millsborough. They presented the proper testimonials of election, which were referred to the com-

mittee, and found correct. Having answered to their names, they took their seats in Convention.

The Convention now took a recess for Divine service.

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The Order for Daily Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Edwin M. Van Deusen, assisted in the Lessons by the Rev. James W. Hoskins.

The Bishop read the Ante-communion Service, after which, the Convention Sermon was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Carpenter.

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The congregation being dismissed, the house was again called to order by the Bishop.

The following Lay Delegates presented testimonials of election from their respective Parishes, which were examined and found correct. They answered to their names and took their seats.

Benjamin Gibbs, Lewis T. Roberts, } *St. Ann's, Middletown.*

John Rodney, Alfred S. Wiltbank, } *St. Peter's, Lewes.*

Charles Wright, George Green, } *St. Luke's, Seaford.*

Ashbury S. Pennington, Francis D. Dunlap, } *Christ Church, Delaware City.*

Hon. Caleb S. Layton, Alfred P. Robinson, } *St. Paul's, Georgetown.*

Samuel J. Jefferson, Dr. Robert Clark, } *Christ Church, Milford.*

An application from the Church of the Ascension, Brandywine Hundred, to be admitted into union with this Convention, was laid on the table; and, on motion, referred to the Committee on the admission of new parishes.

The report of the Treasurer of the Convention was presented, and referred to the following committee:

Rev. Mr. Brinckle,
Mr. T. Jenifer Adams, and
Mr. John Rodney.

The committee reported, after examining the same, that they found it correct.

On motion the House adjourned till 3 o'clock this afternoon.

MAY 28, 3 O'CLOCK P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Missionary and Education Committee of the Diocese made their Ninth Annual Report, as follows:

## NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The Missionary and Education Committee respectfully report to the Convention that their receipts during the year past have amounted to the sum of four hundred and sixty-nine 27-100 dollars, falling a little short of those of the year preceding, but still enabling them, with the balance remaining in the hands of their Treasurer at the last report, to meet the demands upon them. Contributions have been received from seventeen churches and stations as follows:—viz. from

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| St. Andrew's, Wilmington, | Church Offerings, | $162 14 | $228 96 |
| " " | Sunday School, | 66 82 | |
| Trinity, Wilmington, | | | 126 43 |
| Immanuel, New Castle, | | | 15 00 |
| St. Thomas', Newark, | | | 15 68 |
| St. Paul's, Georgetown, | | | 18 50 |
| St. Ann's, Appoquinimink, | | | 10 92 |
| St. Peter's, Lewes, | | | 2 96 |
| St. Peter's, Smyrna, | | | 5 00 |
| St. George's, Indian River, | | | 4 70 |
| St. Mark's, Millsboro', | | | 2 49 |
| Chapel of the Comforter, Long Neck, | | | 1 99 |
| St. John's, Little Hill, | | | 8 00 |
| St. Luke's, Seaford, | | | 7 00 |
| St. Philip's, Laurel, | | | 5 50 |
| Christ Church, Broad Creek, | | | 2 00 |
| Christ Church, Delaware City, | | | 3 34 |
| School House, Baltimore Mills, | | | 1 03 |
| Collection at Convention of 1850, | | | 9 77 |
| | | | $469 27 |

There have been expended within the Diocese, or otherwise applied according to the direction of the contributors, the following sums:

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| To payment of Diocesan Missionaries, - - - - | $325 00 |
| Other Diocesan purposes, - - - - - - - - | 39 14 |
| Foreign Missions, - - - - - - - - - | 86 00 |
| Missions in the South West, - - - - - - - | 39 50 |
| " " Illinois, - - - - - - - | 34 32 |
| " " Minnesota, - - - - - - - - - | 15 00 |
| Balance on hand, - - - - - - - - - | 4 88 |

Every year makes more manifest the necessity of the work. The aid extended by our Missionary Committee although small is yet believed to be in the highest degree important, if not in the case of some parishes, indispensable. Limited as is the extent of our Diocese it yet presents many fields of labour that promise a fair return to faithful and persevering toil. The aid of the Committee has been extended for another year to the Church at Delaware City, with the understanding that it will not be required beyond that period. In the success that has attended the effort to form that promising parish, and the erection of three new Churches in Sussex County, as well as the certain conviction of the blessings spiritual and eternal that must flow from the continued labors of a faithful ministry, the committee find an abundant overpayment of all that has been given to the cause entrusted to their care. The opening referred to in the last report as supposed to exist at the Baltimore Mills has not disappointed our expectation, and measures have already been taken for the erection there of a good-sized and convenient Church. At several of the stations the Missionaries report an increased attendance and interest. There is abundant room for the exertions of an additional Missionary in Sussex County, if the means can be relied on for sustaining him. Trusting that they shall not look in vain to the Churchmen of Delaware for such aid as their operations require, and gratefully acknowledging the goodness of God in the results of past effort, the Committee commend afresh this interesting cause to the prayers and charities of their brethren.

ALFRED LEE,
E. M. VAN DEUSEN,
S. C. BRINCKLE,
J. F. WILSON,
E. G. BRADFORD.

The Bishop then called the attention of the Convention to his Annual Address:

# ADDRESS

*To the Clerical and Lay Members of the Sixty-First Annual Convention of the Diocese of Delaware.*

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:

The statement of Episcopal labors which I now present to you is the 10th Annual Address which I have been permitted to offer to this body. It becomes me gratefully to acknowledge that kind Providential care which hath suffered me thus long, and with scarcely an interruption, to render however imperfectly the duties of my office, and which has hitherto sustained me under a burden which I assumed in weakness, and in fear and in much trembling. In my present report I am also bound humbly and thankfully to acknowledge the measure of divine blessing that has been vouchsafed to us. If our prosperity do not equal our wishes, it is yet far beyond our deservings. The church of our affections, once apparently so languishing and ready to die, is exhibiting some encouraging tokens of revival and vigor, and I feel warranted in my present address to speak in a more hopeful tone, than in perhaps any one that I have heretofore submitted to your notice.

The different parishes of the Diocese have all been visited during the year, and nearly all of them twice, although the considerable space of time occupied in attendance on the General Convention, at so distant a city, has not allowed me the usual opportunity for Diocesan duties. In my visitations I have delivered sermons and addresses at the different churches and stations as follows, viz.:—At Grace Church, Brandywine Hundred, three; Trinity Chapel, Wilmington, two; Immanuel Church, New Castle, one; St. James', Stanton, two; St. Thomas', Newark, two, Christ Church, Delaware City, one; St. Ann's, Appoquinimink, three; Du Pont's Mills, one; St. Peter's, Smyrna, five; Christ Church, Milford, two; St. Matthew's, Cedar Creek, one; at Milton, two; St. Paul's, Georgetown, four; St. Peter's, Lewes, four; St. George's, Indian River, two; Long Neck Chapel, two; St. Mark's, Millsboro', two; St. John's, Little Hill, three; Christ Church, Broad Creek, two; St. Philip's

Chapel, Laurel, two; St, Luke's Church, Seaford, two; near Baltimore Mills, two; in all, exclusive of St. Andrew's, Wilmington, fifty.

I have administered the Holy Communion at the meetings of Convocations, and at other times at the request of parochial clergymen, and baptised in St. Thomas' Church, Newark, the child of the Rector.

The number of persons confirmed, since my last address, is forty-seven, upon seven occasions, viz:—In and for St. Andrew's, Wilmington, twenty-one; in and for Trinity, Wilmington, fifteen; in St. Thomas', Newark, four; St. John's, Little Hill, four; St. Ann's, Middletown, two; St. Peter's, Lewes, one.

In June last I attended the Annual meeting of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary in the city of New York. On the 11th of July I set forth a Form of prayer to be used in the Diocese, on account of the bereavement sustained by our land, in the sudden decease of the President of the United States. On the 30th of September I attended a meeting of the House of Bishops, convened in the city of Cincinnati, and on the 2d of October was present at the opening of the General Convention, and through the session of that body.

The clerical changes of the year past have been unusually few. There has not been a single resignation, or removal from any Pastoral cure occupied at the last Convention; a fact which it has never before been my privilege to state. Two Clergymen have been received into the Diocese; one has been dismissed therefrom; and one has been displaced from the Ministry; leaving the present number the same as last year, sixteen including the Bishop. The Rev. Greenbury W. Ridgely was received from Pennsylvania on the 28th October, 1850; and the Rev. W. L. Suddards from the same Diocese November 8th, 1850. The Rev. Enoch Bailey was retransferred to the Diocese of Maryland on the 26th December, 1850. On the 13th February last, I recorded the renunciation of the ministry of the Rev. William L. Suddards, and, in the presence of the required number of clergymen, pronounced his displacement therefrom, for causes not affecting his moral character. Mr. Suddards has been led to this step by the state of his health, being incapable of using his voice in public, and with no hope of recovery, except in the entire relinquishment of public ministerial labors.

The Rev. Mr. Ridgely has been appointed to act as Missionary in Brandywine Hundred, where offers a large and inviting field,

hitherto uncultivated by our laborers. On the 7th November last I attended a meeting of some of the residents of that District, at which it was resolved to organize a new Parish, by the name of Ascension Church, Brandywine Hundred. The Churchmen of that vicinity had been in the habit of attending at St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, Pa., and expect still to maintain an interest in the prosperity of that venerable Parish. But the spiritual wants of the populous district between that Church and the City of Wilmington loudly call for attention on the part of Christians residing in the neighborhood, and encourage the erection of a sanctuary in the midst of a people, very few of whom can attend at the present remote Churches. The character of the persons convened on the above occasion, the spirit there manifested, and the urgent wants of the neighborhood, inspire the hope of a highly successful issue of this undertaking.

At Dupont's Mills, where our services have been held for some years, and where the Rev. S. C. Brinckle has been officiating as Missionary, a Parish has been just organized under gratifying circumstances and with encouraging prospects. The attendance upon our worship here has been numerous and regular, and a large and flourishing Sunday School, sustained for many years with admirable system, and unwearied perseverance and devotedness, is a most desirable preparation and ground work for the rearing of a Church of Christ.

St. James' Church, Stanton, has, during the past year, enjoyed regular Sunday services from a resident pastor. Had such an advantage been extended years ago, the condition of that Parish would now have been very different. The improved attendance on Divine worship which is now manifest, is the dawning, I trust, of a better and brighter day, if the same means of spiritual husbandry can be continued. The Rev. Mr. Batcheller has also been officiating at Newport, and other points in the vicinity, not without evidences of interest in his services on the part of the people.

The building of the new church at Delaware City, for a time unfortunately interrupted, has been resumed and completed. On the thus far happy issue of what seemed at the outset so heavy an undertaking, our friends there may well be congratulated. May the beautiful and commodious church there erected, be filled with a devout and zealous congregation, and the labors of the efficient pastor, by whose exertions it has been completed, be crowned with an abundant bles-

sing. The comparatively small remaining indebtedness which prevents the immediate consecration of the church, will, it is believed, be soon extinguished, and the new Parish be enabled to start onward without any such unfortunate incumbrance. Its present prospects appear more favorable than any of its friends ventured to hope at the time of its inception.

The venerable edifice of St. Ann's, Appoquinimink, is about to receive the very desirable addition of a comfortable rectory. This improvement is the fruit of female industry and devotedness, and promises to ensure to this parish the great benefit of a resident pastor. Of what immense importance would such an addition prove to every rural church, preventing, under God's blessing, those frequent changes and interruptions of ministerial care, which are so disastrous in their influence upon the state of a congregation.

At Dover, services have been regularly maintained by the Rev. Mr. Carpenter, notwithstanding the discouragements there existing.

The churches in Sussex county are in a condition not materially different from that indicated in last year's report. St. George's, Indian River, has been repaired to a considerable extent and neatly remodelled, much to the convenience and comfort of the congregation. It is a pleasant thing to observe in any of our old sanctuaries the work of decay and dilapidation arrested, and evidences meeting the eye of increased attention to the worship of God. The repair of this building seems to be attended with an increase of the congregation, and a more generally encouraging aspect of things. Some of our old churches, as those at Cedar Creek and Dagsboro', are falling into decay, but present comparatively little motive to expenditure, from the failure of all attempts hitherto made to reassemble congregations within their walls. As the mission of the Church and its ministers is to the souls of men, our first and plain duty is to follow them with the gospel, and to proclaim the word of salvation to living ears and feeling hearts, rather than to walls and rafters. While there has been no success in our attempts to gather a worshipping congregation in the old Prince George's Church, Dagsboro', the new church at Millsboro' has sprung up on the one side, and on the other we have the prospect of a new Parish near Baltimore Mills. On the two occasions of my preaching there, I have met an attentive congregation, far more numerous than the small building used could accommodate. On the 15th May last I

was, with the Missionary, Rev. Mr. Hall, present at a meeting of persons interested in the erection of a new church, when it was determined to proceed at once, and a building committee was appointed, and additional subscriptions secured. On the next day we chose the site of the proposed church, upon ground liberally offered for the purpose, and, from the spirit exhibited at the meeting, I anticipate the not very distant completion of the work. An inviting field seems here to open for our missionary exertions, and promises a cordial welcome to the Church.

The Chapel consecrated during the last year in Laurel is now regularly opened for service and well attended. A considerable Sunday School has been gathered, and appearances there are more promising than at any former period since my acquaintance with the place. The Missionary, Rev. Mr. Hoskins, has also been holding services with good encouragement at Phillips' Meeting House, between Laurel and Millsboro'. The debt by which St. Luke's, Seaford, has been so much embarrassed, has been reduced during the year to a trifle, and the prospects of that Parish seem much improved.

From this statement it will appear to you that we have much to be thankful for, especially when we remember for how long a time the spirit of despondency pervaded our reports. Unexpected openings are presenting themselves, and our services are desired where they had become almost unknown. If we may not say that our fields are white unto the harvest, we may certainly rejoice that the opportunity is given us of casting in the precious seed, and trust that in due time we shall reap if we faint not. But how much now depends, dear brethren, upon our own fidelity to our Lord, and exhibition of the true spirit of our holy religion! If we honor Him by humble dependance on His grace, and steadfast maintenance of his truth, and consistent obedience to His will, He will honor us. But if we forget the source of all strength and blessing, our harvest will prove but a worthless heap. What we need on the part of our clergy is the plain, faithful exhibition of that precious truth which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, enforced with an earnest, fervent spirit, and a holy, blameless conversation.—May we, the Lord's commissioned ambassadors, remember that we watch for souls as they that must give account; and that, unless we succeed in bringing the souls entrusted to our charge, to the saving

knowledge of the truth, and to a meetness for the kingdom of glory, we fail in the great object for which we are sent. If we enter into the spirit of our calling, we shall be "instant in season and out of season." We shall be occupied with things of more importance than the fancies that have filled so unprofitably and dangerously the heads and hearts of many at the present day. We shall find the pure doctrines of the gospel growing more sweet and precious to our own souls, as we witness their transforming effect upon others. And satisfied with the devout and reverent use of our simple and spiritual liturgy, we shall crave no questionable adjuncts of architecture or arrangement, or novel modes of conducting Divine worship to render it more sensuous, pompous and striking.

But how greatly need we, brothren, the spirit of love, and of power, and of a sound mind? And how much to be desired are larger accessions of pious and consistent members to our communion?—In many of our smaller parishes the ways of Zion mourn because few come to her solemn feasts. During the past year confirmations have been held in but seven of our Parishes. With such a state of things we ought not to remain satisfied, and earnestly should we pray, and diligently labor that it do not continue. Death is making his ceaseless inroads, and fresh soldiers should be constantly enrolled in the sacramental host to take the places of those who fall. Let me commend to my clerical brethren the admirable provisions of the Church in Canon XXVI, of 1832, "Of the duty of ministers in regard to Episcopal visitations." The disapproval of the injudicious and pernicious practice which might once to some extent have obtained, of urging persons, without christian character or serious purpose of leading holy lives, to the rite of confirmation, may sometimes induce a course as opposite as possible. The minister may content himself with a bare public notice of an intended Episcopal visitation, without any particular application of the matter to the hearts and consciences of individuals. Now the requirement of the Canon that the minister shall prepare young persons and others for the rite of confirmation, and shall give notice to his parishioners *individually*, as opportunity may offer, seems to indicate the mind of the Church to be that such a season is to be improved by pressing upon the attention of his people, one by one, not only publicly, but from house to house, the great subject of personal religion. It may be so improved often with most precious results. There is af-

forded at such a time a most favorable opportunity to the faithful pastor to deal searchingly and affectionately with his flock. That most important point of decision on the momentous question of embracing the gospel promises, may be presented in a peculiarly forcible manner, and the hindrances and difficulties that burden many a heart, to an extent unsuspected by others, may be kindly and judiciously met. There are means used by religious bodies around us of increasing the number of their professing members in which we cannot consistently join. The suitable improvement of an appointment for confirmation is one peculiar to our Church, and connected with general pastoral faithfulness will, I believe, do much, and in the most unexceptionable manner, for that end. Only let me be distinctly understood as not in the least advising or countenancing any lowering of the standard of spiritual qualification for this holy rite, or any attempt to induce the impenitent and worldly to a rash and insincere assumption of solemn obligations.

I have attended three meetings of the Northern Convocation of the Diocese, and two of the Southern. The meetings of the former body are, I think, increasing in usefulness and interest, and promise to prove a help to our cause, and a provocation to both clergy and people to love and good works. In the latter body we have not been able, at the meetings held during the past year, to obtain a full attendance.

I have officiated without the Diocese as follows:—On the 26th of July, at the request of the Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, I laid the corner-stone of St. Paul's Church, Chester, and made an address. I have preached, in the city of Philadelphia, three times; in Louisville, Ky., once; in Cincinnati, twice; in Buffalo, N. Y., twice, and in Toronto, U. C., once.

I take much pleasure in laying before you the following fraternal and interesting letter received from the Arch-Bishop of Canterbury:

LAMBETH, March 28th, 1851.

RT. REV. AND DEAR BROTHER:

I think it right to apprize you that the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts having, through the goodness and favor of Almighty God, been permitted to complete a century and a half of missionary labor, has resolved to commemorate with thanksgiving and prayer the close of its third Jubilee.

The Commemoration will commence on Monday, June 16th, being the Anniversary of the signing of our charter, with full church service in Westminster Abbey, and on the following Sunday, June 22d, sermons appropriate to the occasion will be preached in the principal London churches. It is unnecessary for me to enter into further particulars, as they will be found in the accompanying printed circular.

The Society has good reason to expect that what may be called its solemn Jubilee will be observed in all the Colonial Churches, but the occasion seems to justify the hope of a still more comprehensive union of Prayer and Praise.

Bearing in mind the relation of our two countries, and the intimate connection which subsisted between the Society and many of the States during the greater part of the last century, I feel some confidence in proposing to you the joint commemoration of a Jubilee in which all the members of our Church must feel a common interest.

I venture also respectfully to submit whether, in a time of controversy and disunion, the close communion which binds the churches of America and England in one, would not be strikingly manifested to the world, if every one of their Dioceses were to take part in commemorating the foundation of the oldest Missionary Society of the Reformed Church—a Society which from its first small beginnings in New England, has extended its operations into all parts of the world, from the Ganges to Lake Huron, and from New Zealand to Labrador. Such a joint commemoration, besides manifesting the rapid growth and wide extension of our church, would serve to keep alive and diffuse a missionary spirit, and so be the means, under the Divine blessing, of enlarging the borders of the Redeemer's kingdom.

In submitting to you this proposal it can hardly be necessary to add that "we desire no gift," but only your Christian sympathy and communion of Prayer. If, however, the alms of your congregations be added to their prayers, we should rejoice to see them appropriated to the relief of the pressing needs of your own church. It would be a great satisfaction to me to learn from you at any moment of leisure, whether you have thought it expedient to take any step in this matter. And now, commending the whole subject to your serious consideration, and yourself to God's help and protection,

I am, Rt. Rev. and Dear Brother,

Your affectionate Brother in the Lord,

(Signed) J. B. CANTUAR.

Accompanying this letter were some of the publications of the Society, among which is a reprint of their first issue in the year 1703. In this paper it is a matter of much interest to us to observe among the missionary appropriations, one to Mr. Thos. Crawford, at Dover Hundred, a descendent of whom is now laboring among us in the same ministry of reconciliation; and among the demands upon the Society is mentioned, "one minister at New Castle, who" it is added, "would do great service." The timely and important aid extended at that early period to churches within our borders and long continued by this Society, may well draw forth a cordial response to the courteous communication addressed to us in its behalf, and a prompt assent to the desired union in the celebration of the Jubilee. I lay the papers before you for any action that you may deem suitable, in which I shall heartily concur, and also transmit an account of the same in my reply to the Arch-Bishop's letter.

May the blessing of God attend our present deliberations, and make them conducive to the edification of his church and to the glory of his own great name, through Christ our Lord.

ALFRED LEE.

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It was, on motion, Resolved, that so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the communication received from the Arch-Bishop of Canterbury be referred to a committee.

The Chair appointed said committee as follows:

Rev. Thomas F. Billopp,
Rev. Samuel C. Brinckle,
William T. Read, Esq.

The Committee on the admission of new Parishes made the following report:

The Committee on the admission of new parishes respectfully report, that having examined the papers presented to them, containing the evidence of the organization of the Church of the Ascension, in Brandywine Hundred, and of Christ Church, Christiana Hundred, and finding them in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese, they unanimously submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Church of the Ascension, Brandywine Hun-

dred, and Christ Church, Christiana Hundred, be, and they are hereby admitted into union with this Convention.

SAMUEL T. CARPENTER,
THOMAS MACKIE SMITH,
EDWARD GARRIGUES.

A motion was made to lay this report on the table, which was lost

The following amendments were then offered, and according to the 7th Rule of Order, the question was taken on them separately.

*Resolved*, First, That the Church of the Ascension, Brandywine Hundred, being a congregation duly organized, is entitled to the benefit of the Constitution of this Diocese, and is admitted into union with this Convention.

This resolution was carried.

*Resolved*, Secondly, That inasmuch as the due organization of Christ Church, Christiana Hundred, has been questioned, the examination of its organization be referred back to the committee on the admission of new parishes.

The question on the adoption of this resolution being put, a division was called for, which resulted as follows:—Ayes 16—Noes 14. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the Convention now proceed to the election of the various Officers and Committees of the Diocese. The house was therefore requested to prepare their ballots for members of the Standing Committee.

The Rev. Messrs. M'Kim and Batcheller were appointed tellers on the part of the Clergy, and Messrs. Raymond and Curtis on the part of the Laity.

On the first ballot, the tellers reported that the Rev. Thomas F. Billopp, and William T. Read, Esq., had received a majority of the votes of the Convention. The chair accordingly declared these gentlemen duly elected.

The house proceeded to another ballot for the remaining members.

The committee on the admission of new parishes presented a second report in the following words:

The committee are unable to come to any other conclusion than that previously stated, and therefore report back the same resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That Christ Church, Christiana Hundred, be, and the same is hereby admitted into union with this Convention.

(Signed) S. T. CARPENTER,
E. GARRIGUES.

This resolution was adopted.

Mr. William C. Lodge and Mr. John Lodge, Lay Delegates from the Church of the Ascension, Brandywine Hundred, then presented testimonials of their election to the proper committee, who examined and found them correct.

They answered to their names and took their seats.

The tellers reported the second ballot for members of the Standing Committee, as follows:

The Rev. Walter E. Franklin and George B. Rodney, Esq., have received a majority of the votes of the Convention.

The chair accordingly declared these gentlemen duly elected, and requested the house to prepare ballots for the remaining clerical member.

The tellers reported, as the result of the third ballot, that no choice had been made by the Convention.

The House now adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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ASCENSION DAY, MAY 29, 8 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

After morning prayer by the Rev. Mr. Harrold, the house was called to order, and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the [so called] "Standing Resolutions" printed on page 31 of the Journal of 1850, be referred to a committee on Canons, to be appointed by the Chair, for the purpose of incorporating such of them as they may deem necessary into the Canons and Rules of Order of this Convention.

The following gentlemen were appointed this committee:

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| Rev. John L. McKim, | Hon. Caleb S. Layton, |
| Hon. Edward Wooten, | William T. Read, Esq. |

The following resolution was adopted, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of this Convention be, and he is hereby instructed to pay to the Clerical Delegates to the last General Convention, such allowance for their expenses in their travel to, and attendance upon said Convention, as may have been, or may be hereafter allowed by the Standing Committee.

It was on motion, *Resolved*, That No. 11, of the proposed Canons, entitled "Enquiries, Trials and Penalties" found on pages 17 and 18, of the Journal of 1841, be referred to the committee on Canons and Standing Resolutions; and that said committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of incorporating it with the present Canons of the Diocese.

It was, on motion, *Resolved*, That the House proceed to the order for the day, viz, the election of a Standing Committee.

The same gentlemen acted as tellers.

The accounts for printing Journal of the last Convention, and the Charge of the Bishop delivered at the same time, were presented and allowed.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

*Whereas*, The Rev. Samuel T. Carpenter is officiating at Christ Church, Dover, without receiving any fixed salary, or a full compensation for his services,—and

*Whereas*, The expenditure of the balance of $44 97 in the hands of the committee on the Glebe of Christ Church, Dover, upon said Glebe, is not required,—therefore

*Resolved*, That the same be paid to the Rev. Samuel T. Carpenter for pastoral services to said Church.

The tellers on the vote for members of the Standing Committee, reported as the result of the 4th ballot that no choiee was made.

A 5th ballot having proved similarly unsuccessful, and it being ascertained that the house was not likely to agree in the choice of the remaining Clerical member, it was, on motion

*Resolved*, That the election of members of the Standing Committee be postponed till the next Annual Convention of the Diocese.

A motion was made and seconded that the resolution just adopted, postponing the election of Standing Committee till next Convention, be re-considered, which was lost.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Gregg Chandler.

It was *Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention of this Diocese be held in St. Peter's Church, Smyrna.

It was, on motion, *Resolved*, That the election of Delegates to the next General Convention be postponed till next Convention.

The Committee on the Glebe of Christ Church, Dover, presented their annual report, which was read, and ordered to be placed on file by the Secretary.

The house proceeded to the election of members for the Missionary and Education Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Franklin and Geo. W. Cummins, Esq. were appointed tellers, and upon counting the ballots, reported that the

Rev. Samuel C. Brinckle, Mr. James F. Wilson, and
" Samuel T. Carpenter, " John B. Lewis,

had received a majority of the votes of the Convention.

The Chair declared these gentlemen duly elected.

The hour for service having arrived, the Convention took a recess.

The Rev. Mr. Franklin read the Ante-Communion service, after which a sermon was delivered by the Bishop.

The Lord's Supper was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Franklin.

After the congregation were dismissed, the house was again called to order, and

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a Church Mutual Aid Association for the Diocese of Delaware. And that the Bishop of the Diocese, together with two Clergymen and two Laymen, appointed by him, shall compose said committee; that they be authorized to draft a Constitution, By-Laws, &c., and recommend a plan for the carrying out of this object, to be reported at the next Annual Convention.

The following amendment to Canon IX of this Diocese, entitled "Of the Missionary and Education Committee," was proposed, and, on motion, entertained and unanimously adopted by this Convention, viz:—At the conclusion of section first, of said Canon, to insert the words—"and their appointment shall continue until the next Annual Convention, or until others are chosen in their places."

The Bishop having called the Rev. Mr. McKim to the chair, the following preamble and resolution were presented and adopted, viz:

*Whereas*, It has been represented to this Convention that the Annual Contributions from the communicants of the several parishes in this Diocese, for the use of the Bishop thereof, conformably to the fourth Standing Resolution, adopted at the Convention of 1844, have not been fully and regularly made, therefore

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of this Convention be, and he is

hereby instructed to open an account, through its Rector, with each parish in the Diocese, according to the parochial returns, and the number of communicants therein; and also to urge upon them the prompt payment of all arrearages due from them, under said fourth Standing Resolution.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session was, on motion, granted to the Hon. Caleb S. Layton, and Mr. T. Jenifer Adams.

The Secretary presented an account for expenses officially incurred by him, during the past Conventional year, which was read and allowed.

The Bishop resumed the chair.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the communication from the Archbishop of Canterbury, presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

*Whereas*, on the 16th day of June next, the Anniversary of the Signing of the Charter of the "Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts"—the period of one hundred and fifty years from its foundation will be completed,—and

*Whereas*, This Society has resolved to commemorate with Thanksgiving and Prayer to Almighty God, the close of its third jubilee,—and

*Whereas*, The Archbishop of Canterbury has proposed to the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, that the members thereof should unite in this commemoration, as well calculated to keep alive and diffuse the Missionary spirit, and to proclaim the close communion which exists between the Churches of England and America,—and

*Whereas*, It becomes this Diocese to avail itself of an occasion so suitable as this celebration will present, to give a public expression of its heartfelt gratitude to Almighty God, for his signal mercy in planting the Church of Christ within its boundaries, and cherishing it through the period of its feeble infancy, by the instrumentality of this venerable Society,—and

*Whereas*, The Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese of Delaware, has laid before this Convention a letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury, by which the foregoing facts appear,—therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Convention cordially concur in the proposi-

tion of the Society for propagating the Gospel in Foreign parts; and recommend that the third Jubilee of said Society, be celebrated in the Churches of the Diocese of Delaware, on the 22d day of June next, being the first Sunday after Trinity; and that sermons, appropriate to the occasion, be preached by the respective Rectors thereof.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

THOS. F BILLOPP,
SAMUEL C. BRINCKLE.
WILLIAM T. READ.

The following gentlemen were appointed by the Chair as the committee on the proposed Church Mutual Aid Association:

Rev. Mr. Franklin, Mr. Edward Garrigues,
" " Harrold, " Geo. W. Cummins.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Vestry and Wardens of St. Thomas' Church, and also to the citizens of Newark, for their kindness and attention to its members.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of this Convention be directed to pay to the Wardens of St. Thomas' Church, for the use of the sexton, a suitable compensation for his attendance during the session.

On motion the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

Attest, THOS. F. BILLOPP, *Secretary*.

**Standing Committee, 1851.**

Rev. Thomas F. Billopp,
" Edwin M. Van Deusen,
" Samuel C. Brinckle,
William T. Read,
George B. Rodney.

**Missionary and Education Committee.**

Right Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D., *Chairman*,
Rev. Samuel C. Brinckle,
" Samuel T. Carpenter,
Dr. James F. Wilson,
Mr. John B. Lewis.

**Committee on Church Mutual Aid Association.**

Right Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D.
Rev. Mr. Franklin,
" " Harrold,
Mr. Edward Garrigues,
" Geo. W. Cummins.

**Committee on Canons and Standing Resolutions**

Rev. John L. McKim,
Hon. Caleb S. Layton,
Hon. Edward Wootten,
Mr. William T. Read.

**Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.**

Hon. James Booth,
" Caleb S. Layton,
" Edward Wootten.
Dr. J. W. Thomson,
Wm. T. Read,

***Committee on the Glebe of Christ Church, Dover.***

George W. Cummins, Wm. T. Read, Hon. Edward Wootten.

*Treasurer of Convention*, JOHN B. LEWIS, Wilmington.
*Secretary of Convention*, Rev. THOMAS F. BILLOPP, New Castle.

# APPENDIX.

## PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

### Report of St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Baptised—Adults 8, Infants 12, | | 20 |
| Confirmed | | 21 |
| Communicants—Died, | | 2 |
| " Removed, | | 17 |
| " Withdrawn, | | 2 |
| " Suspended, | | 2 |
| " Added, | | 14 |
| " Present number, | | 134 |
| Marriages, | | 3 |
| Funerals, | | 12 |
| Sunday School, Teachers—Male 10, Female 15 | | 25 |
| " Scholars— " 106 " 146 | | 252 |
| Parish Day School—1 Teacher, 30 Scholars. | | |
| Catechetical class of Young Ladies, about | | 40 |
| Contributions—Missionary Offerings in Church, | $244 | 20 |
| " " " of Sunday School, | 66 | 82 |
| Parish School, | 60 | 00 |
| Prayer Book and Tract Society, &c., | 40 | 00 |
| Episcopal Fund $70, Convention $15, | 85 | 00 |
| Communion Alms $50—other purposes $500, | 550 | 00 |
| Public Services on each Sunday twice—other days 36. | | |

ALFRED LEE, Rector.

This Parish has lost during the year past by removal an unusual number of communicants, some of whom had been long connected with the church, and had been accustomed to take an active part in all its concerns and benevolent operations. Neither has death passed us by unvisited. Several members of the church and congregation, widely known and esteemed, have been taken from the midst of affectionate families and attached friends by the dispensations of an all-wise and all-merciful God. But with these occasions of grief are mingled many causes of gratitude and praise. The past year has been to this church one of unbroken harmony, of outward prosperity, and also it is believed, to some extent, of spiritual blessing. The Rector has felt himself greatly cheered and sustained by indications of increased interest in things divine, especially among the young of his charge. Many have avowed their choice of the good part, and openly assumed the name and obligations of Christians. An opportunity has not yet been presented to those recently confirmed, of receiving the holy communion, but there are a number ready to embrace the first occasion of coming to that heavenly feast.

*Wilmington, May 27th,* 1851.

## Trinity Church, Wilmington.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Baptised—Adults 4, Infants 27, | | | | 31 |
| Confirmed, | | | | 15 |
| Communicants—Died, | | | | 2 |
| " | Removed, | | | 7 |
| " | Added, | | | 24 |
| " | Present No. | | | 143 |
| Marriages, | | | | 4 |
| Funerals, | | | | 25 |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers: Male 4, Female 8, | | | | 12 |
| " | Scholars: " 30 " 50 | | | 80 |
| Contributions—Missionary, | | $126 40 | | |
| " | Episcopal and Convention Funds, | 79 00 | | |
| " | Alms, | 211 90 | | |
| " | Other purposes, | 900 00 | | |
| | | | 1,317 | 30 |

Public services on Sundays, 104; other days, 138—242.

EDWIN MARTIN VAN DEUSEN, Rector.

*May* 28, 1851.

Remarks:—It is with great pleasure that I am able to state that the improvements at Trinity Chapel commenced in the spring of 1849, have been entirely completed. A spire 60 feet high was erected upon the tower during the last summer, making the entire elevation 110 feet above the pavement. The chapel, tower, spire, parsonage and out-buildings were painted externally, at an expense including cost of spire, of about $900. On Easter Day, a member of the church offered a service of silver for the more decent administration of the holy Communion, consisting of a flagon, two chalices, paten, and three alms basins; each bearing the inscription, "Offered in Trinity Chapel, Wilmington, Del., Easter, 1851." When christians thus consecrate their means to the service of God, according to the scriptural rule of not "letting the left hand know what the right hand doeth," they cannot fail to receive the abundant blessing of Him who "loveth a cheerful giver." One feature of this offering, which is evidence of holy principle and motive, is that the donor thus scrupulously maintains secrecy. The cost of the service was $250. There have been during the year other instances of commendable liberality, and no appeal for any of the charitable institutions of the church, or for purposes in the parish, has failed to meet a gratifying response. The number of the confirmed, and the additions to the holy communion, furnish some evidence of the spiritual blessing that has been with us. The attendance upon the Sunday services has been uniformly large, and the attention gratifying. There have been a variety of encouragements vouchsafed, which are acknowledged with devout gratitude; while there have been most burdensome afflictions sent, that have taught us most forcibly the importance of clinging to the cross, and "watching unto prayer." In August we followed to their final resting place, the remains of Mrs. Margaretta Price, who had been distinguished for her zeal, liberality, devotion, love of the church, and her holy ways, and always first in every good work. In October, while attending to my duties in the General Convention in Cincinnati, a most mysterious Providence suddenly summoned her venerable mother, Mrs. Agnes Stothart, to the world of spirits—who had been for years the benefactress of the church and her ministry, and the constant friend of the poor. We knew not how to spare such from our midst; when every week was showing the importance of their energies, means and piety. And when we remembered the death of another valuable parishioner less than a year before, the late Wm. P. Brobson, Esq., of like earnestness, devotion, and sound, intelligent churchmanship; and

our other losses of true-hearted christians by removal to other States, we felt that we were indeed bereaved. But we have found new zeal where it was not before so strikingly manifested, and the future is still bright and promising—convincing us that "the Lord of hosts is with us, and that the God of Jacob is our refuge."

E. M. VAN DEUSEN.

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## Immanuel Church, New Castle.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Infants | | | 8 |
| Communicants—Died | | | 2 |
| " | Removed | | 4 |
| " | Added | | 7 |
| " | Present No. | | 56 |
| Marriage | | | 1 |
| Funerals | | | 2 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, Male 5, Female 9 | | | 14 |
| " | Scholars, Male 48, Female 42 | | 90 |
| Contributions—Missionary | | $27 00 | |
| " | Episcopal and Convention Funds | 37 50 | |
| " | Alms and other purposes | 1050 00 | |

Public services on Sundays, and other days as usual.

THOMAS F. BILLOPP, Rector.

*May* 27, 1851.

Remarks:—The condition of this parish, is about the same, as at my last report. The alterations and improvements in the Church, then spoken of as in contemplation, have been completed. The heavy expense incurred in the work, and the necessity of closing the building for several months, has prevented the usual amount of contributions from the Parish.

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The undersigned respectfully reports that his chief point of labor for the past year (as for the two preceding years) under the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, has been Dupont's Mills on the Brandywine, where he is happy to say a new Parish, under the name of Christ Church, Christiana Hundred, has been very recently organized. It may be mentioned as an interesting item of its history—that this organization has grown out of a Sunday School, established more than 30 years ago at this place, through the instrumentality of a lady, who is still abundant in labors in this good work. What encouragement to effort is here, in these nurseries of the Church—making them not merely the accompaniments of the ministry, but, as far as possible, its pioneers. We continue to worship in the large and commodious building erected for the Sunday School, which by various improvements now in progress,—such as vestry-room, &c., we are better adapting to its Church objects. It is trusted however, that at no distant day, by the favor of Providence, a suitable Church edifice may be built. A melodeon and choir, lately introduced have added much to the interest of our services, by enabling us to have the Chants. The Sunday-School continues large and flourishing. Services in the past year as follows: I have preached 72 times—baptized 10 infants and 2 adults—administered the Communion once in private—solemnized 2 marriages, and attended 10 funerals. Contributions towards the Mission, 118 dollars.

S. C. BRINCKLE.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Lee.

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## St. James' Church, Stanton.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Communicants—Present No. | | 5 |
| Marriages, | | 2 |
| Funerals, | | 1 |
| Sunday School—Teachers: Male 4, Female 5, | | 9 |
| " Scholars: " 18 " 15, | | 33 |

Public services on Sundays, 56; other days, 1.
" At Newport 12; Stanton 6; at the Springs 2—77

B. BATCHELLER, Rector.

Remarks:—I have cause for thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church in the gradual increase of interest, and the number of attendants upon our services, both at the Church and at Newport. B. BATCHELLER.

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## St. Thomas' Church, Newark.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Baptised—Adults 2, Infants 1, | | 3 |
| Confirmed, | | 4 |
| Communicants—Removed, | | 4 |
| " Added, | | 5 |
| " Present No. | | 18 |
| Contributions—Foreign Missions, | $33 | 59 |
| " Bishop Otey's College, | 10 | 00 |
| " Rev. Mr. Breck's Minnesota Mission, | 10 | 00 |
| " Bishop White Prayer Book Society, | 4 | 02 |
| " Sunday School, | 13 | 11 |
| " Domestic and Diocesan Mission, | 19 | 20½ |
| " Other Church objects, | 10 | 00 |
| " For a Parish Library, | 108 | 00 |

Public services on Sundays, 96; other days, 4—100.

WALTER E. FRANKLIN, Rector.

*May* 28, 1851.

The above collections were made partly in the congregation, and partly by an association of the young ladies of Deer Park Hall. The ladies of the congregation have also collected about $270 towards the erection of a Belfry, and the purchase of a Bell for St. Thomas' Church.

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## Christ Church, Delaware City.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Baptisms—Infants | | 7 |
| Communicants | | 4 |
| Funerals | | 3 |
| Contributions—Missionary | $5 | 66 |

Public Services once on each Sunday, alternately in the morning and afternoon.

HIRAM R. HARROLD, Rector and Missionary.

*May* 27, 1851.

Remarks:—Since the last report the interior of the new Church has been finished, and divine service was commenced in it, on the 23d day of February

last: the sermon preached by the Rector. On the 23d of March the Lord s Supper was celebrated for the first time. Four of our own members communed, and seven others—in all 11. The number of persons who have taken pews, has exceeded our most sanguine expectations. A Sunday School has not yet been organized, but a library and other books have been obtained sufficient to make a commencement. There is still some debt on the Church, and the outside remains unplastered. Efforts, however, are still making to pay off all arrears. A Seraphine has been procured by the Choir, and the full service is performed with Chants, and Psalms and Hymns. H. R. H.

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## St. Ann's Church, Middletown.

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|---|---|
| Baptised—Adults 1, Infants 11, | 12 |
| Confirmed, | 2 |
| Communicants—Removed, | 4 |
| " Added, | 5 |
| " Present No. | 50 |
| Marriages, | 5 |
| Funerals, | 9 |
| Sunday School—Teachers: Female, | 5 |
| " Scholars, | 26 |
| Contributions—Missionary, | $11 17¾ |
| Public services on Sundays, once each day—one day in the morning, and on the next in the afternoon; other days 3, | 50 |

*May* 27, 1851. HIRAM R. HARROLD, Rector.

Remarks:—A contract has been made for the erection of a Rectory at St. Ann's Church, which is to be completed by the first of November next. The Parish generally may be said to be prosperous and united. In the midst of our rejoicings, however, we have been lately called upon to mourn the loss by death of our Senior Warden, Peregrine Hendrickson, Esq. He had been for many years Clerk of the Vestry, which office, with that of his Wardenship, he had filled with great fidelity. H. R. H.

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## Report of Rev. G. W. Ridgely.

Shortly after my appointment as Missionary in Brandywine Hundred, I established a service near Naaman's Creek, where I preach every two weeks.—At this place "*The Church of the Ascension*," has been organized under favorable circumstances. On every alternate Sunday—also, I preach about three and a half miles from Wilmington, in a free meeting house. I have the exclusive use of it at the times of my appointment. The attendance of large congregations at these two places gives promise of future usefulness.

My opinion is that Brandywine Hundred affords an interesting and inviting field for the Missions of our Church. The ancestors of not a few of its leading families were Episcopalians, either English or Swedish. Unhappily, instead of building places of worship in their own community, they attached themselves to congregations in Pennsylvania and Wilmington. The consequence has been that too many of their descendants, either unable or unwilling to go so far to Church, have lapsed into indifference, or attached themselves to other communions. I trust that some of these may in time return to the Church of their fathers. G. W. RIDGELY.

## Report of the Rev. Mr. Mansfield.

Since the last Convention, I have been engaged as usual, in the duties devolving on me, as Principal of a Classical School in Wilmington. I have also preached six times; administered the holy communion twice; officiated at one wedding, and read the burial service once. Z. H. MANSFIELD.

*Wilmington, May 27th*, 1851.

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## St. Peter's Church, Smyrna.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Baptised—Infants, | | 1 |
| Communicants—Removed, | | 2 |
| " | Added, | 1 |
| " | Present No. | 9 |
| Sunday School—Teachers: Male 1, Female 3, | | 4 |
| " | Scholars: " 10 " 15 | 25 |
| Contributions—Missionary, | | $18 00 |
| " | Episcopal and Convention Funds, | 10 50 |
| " | Other purposes, | 400 00 |

*May 28th*, 1851. SAMUEL TONKIN CARPENTER, Rector.

Remarks:—We are somewhat cheered and encouraged by a general good attendance upon our services, and by an increasing stability of the congregation. The addition of an organ, and the improvement of our music, has also added much to the interest of our services.

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## Christ Church, Dover.

Prospects in this long-neglected church are perhaps something better than they were a year since. Circumstances were unfavorable during the winter for constant services, owing to inability to get masons to make repairs; and there have been some unexpected interruptions this spring; but there has been some gain to our numbers by the removal to Dover of a family, and some other individuals, friendly to the church, which affords us some encouragement. Services are now regularly held, as usual, once in two weeks, in the afternoon. Owing to the confinement of a school, I am unable to perform that amount of missionary and parochial labor which would be desirable.

SAMUEL TONKIN CARPENTER.

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## Christ Church, Milford.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Baptized, Infants | | 5 |
| Communicants—added | | 1 |
| " | present No. | 8 |
| Contributions—Convention Fund, | | $5 00 |
| Public services—Sundays, | | 25 |
| " | other days, | 3 |
| | Total——— | 28 |

There is now in progress of erection a new fence to the yard of this Church, (the old one having quite fallen down from decay,) which occasions a cost to

the Vestry of not less than $150. This, with certain repairs to the building itself will soon be completed.

The Sunday School, for some years discontinued, has at length been revived with a small number of scholars and teachers, but with a good prospect of permanence and usefulness.

JOHN L. M'KIM, Rector.

*May* 27, 1851.

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## St. Matthew's Church, Cedar Creek.

The public services heretofore performed at this Church, it has been found expedient to transfer to other points within the bounds of the parish. I have accordingly made arrangements for officiating regularly at School Houses in the Hundred, and especially at one near the western line, where an interesting and hopeful congregation generally assembles. I have to report here,

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|---|---|
| Baptisms—Infants, | 3 |
| Public services—Sundays, | 11 |

JOHN L. M'KIM, Rector.

*May* 27, 1851.

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## St. Paul's Church, Georgetown.

| | |
|---|---|
| Baptised—Infants, | 4 |
| Communicants—Present No. | 13 |
| Marriages, | 4 |
| Funerals, | 10 |
| Sunday School—Teachers: Male 5, Female 6 | 11 |
| " Scholars, | 48 |
| Contributions—Episcopal Fund, $5 } " Convention " $5 } | $10 |

Public services on Sundays, 28 ; other days, 10—Total 38.

JOHN L. McKIM, Rector.

*May* 27, 1851.

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## St. Peter's Church, Lewes.

| | |
|---|---|
| Baptized, Infants | 1 |
| Confirmed 2, one from St. Mark's, Millsboro', | 2 |
| Communicants, Removed | 2 |
| Present No. | 25 |
| Marriages, | 4 |
| Funerals, | 4 |
| Sunday School, Teachers, | 6 |
| " Scholars, | 35 |
| Contributions, Missionary, | $2 96 |
| " Episcopal and Convention Funds, | 19 00 |
| Public Services on Sundays, 31 ; other days, 6, | 37 |

GEORGE HALL.

*May* 28, 1851.

## St. Georges Church, Indian River, and the Chapel of the Comforter, Long Neck.

| | |
|---|---|
| Communicants—died | 1 |
| Present No. | 18 |
| Marriages, | 1 |
| Funerals, | 5 |
| Sunday School—Teachers | 5 |
| " Scholars | 25 |
| Contributions—Missionary | $5 69 |
| " Convention Fund, | 5 00 |
| Public Services on Sundays, | 43 |

*May* 28, 1851. GEORGE HALL.

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## St. Mark's Church, Millsboro', and Lamb's School House, Baltimore Mills.

| | |
|---|---|
| Baptized—Infants, | 4 |
| Communicants—Removed, | 3 |
| " Present No. | 9 |
| Marriages, | 1 |
| Funerals, | 5 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, | 5 |
| " Scholars, | 23 |
| Contributions—Missionary, | $3 52 |
| " Convention Fund, | 5 00 |
| Public Services on Sundays, 32; other days, 6 | 38 |

*May* 28, 1851. GEORGE HALL.

Remarks:—Our enterprise in the vicinity of Baltimore Mills presents a very cheering and encouraging aspect. We have good reason to believe that a building will soon be erected for the worship of Almighty God. Our subscription amounts to 400 dollars, beside several promises in the way of materials. The good work is already commenced; a building committee appointed; a contract for the enclosing of the building made; and a suitable location selected. A gentleman in the neighborhood, deeply interested in the success of our enterprise, has given an acre of ground. The building is to be 36 feet by 48.

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## St. Luke's Church, Seaford.

| | |
|---|---|
| Baptized—Infants, | 10 |
| Communicants—Present No. | 13 |
| Marriages, | 1 |
| Funerals, | 4 |
| Contributions—Missionary, | $4 00 |
| " Convention, | 5 00 |
| Public Services, | 28 |

JAMES W. HOSKINS, Rector.

*May* 28, 1851.

## Christ Church, Broad Creek.

| | |
|---|---|
| Baptized—Adults 1, Infants 7, | 8 |
| Communicants—Present No. | 9 |
| Marriages, | 3 |
| Funerals, | 6 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, Male 5; Female 7, | 12 |
| " Scholars, Male 20; Female 30, | 50 |
| Contributions—Missionary, | $4 50 |
| " Convention, | 5 00 |
| Public Services, 15; Laurel 23, other places 8, | 46 |

JAMES W. HOSKINS, Rector.

*May* 28, 1851.

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## St. John's Church, Little Hill.

| | |
|---|---|
| Baptized—Infants, | 4 |
| Communicants—Died 2, added 4, | |
| " Former No. 27—Present No. | 29 |
| Confirmed, | 4 |
| Funerals, | 8 |
| Contributions—Missionary, | $4 00 |
| " Convention, | 5 00 |
| Public Services, | 33 |

JAMES W. HOSKINS, Rector.

*May* 28, 1851.

Remarks:—I have great satisfaction in being able to report my parishes in a fine state of improvement. The increase of public favor towards us is far greater than my fondest hopes warranted me in anticipating. Throughout my field of labor the congregations are generally large and attentive, and it is fondly hoped that the time is not far distant when there will be an ingathering of precious souls. The debt of the Church at Seaford is removed, wanting about 60 dollars, and the house of worship neatly carpeted.

At Laurel our prospect is very flattering: a large Sunday School having been commenced there, and the services of the Church well attended. I have been preaching monthly at "Philips' Meeting House," a new station about half way between Laurel and the head of Indian River, where the congregation is large, and apparently sincere in attending public worship. I have baptized *six* infants and *one* adult there, and as many more are awaiting my next visit. The statistics of the stations at Laurel and this place are contained in the report of Christ Church, Broad Creek.

At Little Hill there is an encouraging growth of interest in the public mind in our behalf. The Lord be thanked for his goodness!

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# LIST

*Of all the Ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church Canonically resident in the Diocese of Delaware, May 26th, 1852.*

*Right Rev. ALFRED LEE, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington.

*Rev. Lewis P. W. Balch, D. D., Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Brandywine Hundred.

*Rev. Breed Batchelller, Rector of St. James' Church, Stanton, and Missionary at Newport.

*Rev. Thomas F. Billopp, Rector of Immanuel Church, New Castle

*Rev. Samuel C. Brinckle, Rector of Christ Church, Christiana Hundred.

*Rev. Samuel T. Carpenter, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Smyrna, and Missionary at Dover.

Rev. Corry Chambers, residing in Wilmington.

*Rev. Walter E. Franklin, Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Wilmington.

*Rev. George Hall, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Lewes, St. George's Indian River, and St. Mark's, Millsboro'.

*Rev. Hiram R. Harrold, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Appoquinimink, and Christ Church, Delaware City.

*Rev. James W. Hoskins, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Seaford, Christ Church, Broad Creek, and St. John's Church, Little Hill.

Rev. Z. H. Mansfield, Teacher of a Classical School, Wilmington.

*Rev. John L. McKim, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, and Christ Church, Milford.

Rev. David McIlvaine, Deacon, residing at Lewes.

*Rev. Greenbury W. Ridgely, Missionary in Brandywine Hundred.

Rev. William H. Trapnell, residing in Wilmington.

*Rev. Edwin M. Van Deusen, Rector of Trinity Church, Wilmington.

ALFRED LEE,

*Bishop of the Prot. Ep. Church in Delaware.*

* Designates those entitled to seats in the Convention.

# LIST OF LAY DELEGATES,

*Certificates of whose election by their respective churches were presented and approved.*

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|---|---|
| *George Williamson,<br>Wm. C. Lodge, | *Church of the Ascension, Brandywine Hundred.* |
| Samuel Baily,<br>Jas. F. Wilson, | *St. Andrew's, Wilmington.* |
| T. Jenifer Adams,<br>Henry H. J. Naff, | *Trinity, Wilmington.* |
| S. F. Du Pont,<br>Thomas J. Kellam, | *Christ Church, Christiana Hundred.* |
| Wm. T. Read,<br>Alfred C. Nowland, | *Immanuel, New Castle.* |
| Fredus Pennington,<br>Joseph G. Anthony, | *St. James', Stanton.* |
| Edward Garrigues,<br>Benjamin Caulk, | *St. Thomas', Newark.* |
| W. Scrafton,<br>Clement Reeves, | *Christ Church, Delaware City.* |
| *Richard Lockwood,<br>Benjamin Gibbs, | *St. Ann's Middletown.* |
| Jacob Raymond,<br>Dr. Wm. Cummins, | *St. Peter's, Smyrna.* |
| Dr. Wm. Burton,<br>George R. Fisher, | *Christ Church, Milford.* |
| Hon. C. S. Layton,<br>*Hon. Edward Wootten, | *St. Paul's, Georgetown.* |
| Henry F. Rodney,<br>Dr. Alfred S. Wiltbank, | *St. Peter's, Lewes.* |
| Jas. F. Burton,<br>Peter R. Burton, | *St. George's, Indian River.* |
| *Asahel Dodd,<br>James Baker, | *St. Mark's, Millsboro'.* |
| *Capt. Gray,<br>*Henry Hickman, | *Grace Church, Baltimore Mills.* |
| Grace Church, Brandywine Hundred,<br>Christ Church, Broad Creek,<br>St. John's Church, Little Hill,<br>Church of St. John the Baptist, Milton,<br>St. Luke's Church, Seaford. | NOT REPRESENTED. |

* Absent.

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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, SMYRNA, MAY 26, 1852.

This being the day constitutionally appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Delaware, the Bishop of the Diocese, and a number of Clerical and Lay Delegates, assembled in St. Peter's Church, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Bishop took the Chair, and called the Convention to order.

A list of the Clergy entitled to seats in this Convention was called over by the Secretary of the last Convention, and the following gentlemen answered to their names:

Right Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese,
Rev. L. P. W. Balch, D. D.,
" Breed Batcheller,
" Thomas F. Billopp,
" Samuel C. Brinckle,
" Samuel T. Carpenter,
" Walter E. Franklin
" George Hall,
" Hiram R. Harrold,
" Greenbury W. Ridgely.

The Chair appointed the Rev. S. T. Carpenter and Mr. Edward Garrigues a committee to receive and examine the certificates of Lay Delegates. Of those reported by this committee as having been duly elected, the following answered to their names and took seats in the Convention:

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| Wm. C. Lodge, | James Baker, | Edward Garrigues, |
| Benjamin Caulk, | Samuel Baily, | James F. Wilson, |
| S. F. du Pont, | Thomas J. Kellam, | Jacob Raymond, |
| Wm. Cummins, M. D., | Fredus Pennington, | Wm. Scrafton, |
| Clement Reeves, | T. Jenifer Adams, | H. H. J. Naff. |
| J. G. Anthony. | | |

The Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary. The Rev Mr. Billopp declined a re-election. The Rev. Mr. Hall nominated J. F. Wilson. The Rev. Mr. Hall and H. H. J. Naff were appointed tellers; and upon counting the ballots, reported that J. F. Wilson had received a majority of the votes cast. Whereupon the Chair declared Dr. J. F. Wilson to be Secretary of the Convention for the ensuing year.

The House, being fully organized, proceeded to business.

On motion of Mr. S. Baily, the Rules of Order of the last Convention were read by the Secretary, and adopted as the Rules of Order of the present meeting.

# RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with prayer.

2. When the President takes the chair no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

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4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

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Christ church, Broad Creek, three times; in Laurel, twice; in Seaford, twice; in all, exclusive of St. Andrew's, Wilmington, fifty-four times.

Without the Diocese I have preached six times; one of which occasions was the consecration of St. Paul's church, Chester, Pa., by the Bishop of that Diocese.

The number of persons confirmed during the past year has been, at Millsboro', one; at Little Hill, three; at St. Philip's chapel, Laurel, two; St. Peter's, Lewes, one; Long-Neck chapel, one; St. Thomas' church, Newark, two; St. James', Stanton, three; in Trinity church, Wilmington, fifteen, on two occasions, together with one sick person confirmed in private, and one candidate from that Parish confirmed at St. Andrew's, in all seventeen; St. Andrew's, Wilmington, twenty-four; Christ church, Christiana Hundred, seven; Immanuel church, New Castle, thirteen; Total, seventy-four, in ten parishes.

The only clerical changes which I have to record during the year, are the removal of the Rev. Walter E. Franklin from Newark to Wilmington, whither he has transferred his Seminary, and has become assistant minister of Trinity Parish; the addition to our clergy of the Rev. L. P. W. Balch, D. D., by letter of dismission from the Standing Committee of the Diocese of New York, accepted by me, November 21st, 1851; who has become the Rector of the new Parish of Ascension church, Brandywine Hundred, resigned by the Rev. G. W. Ridgely. The Rev. Mr. Ridgely continues to perform Missionary duty in Brandywine Hundred, and a large congregation is usually gathered at the Union Meeting-House, the place where he most frequently officiates.

There is no candidate for orders at present connected with this Diocese.

The present appearance of most of our Parishes and Missionary Stations is, I think, quite encouraging. The account of Confirmations is larger than it has for some years been my privilege to report, and in several of our churches we have reason gratefully to confess cheering tokens of his presence and blessing, without whose smile we labour in vain. Other parts of the field do not yet fulfil our hopes of a rich return from the seed of God's word, in the ingathering of souls into the fold of Christ. May we, God's ministers and stewards, realize more truly how great a treasure is committed to our trust, and labour with renewed diligence and fervor, in season and out of season, for the salvation of those over whose souls we watch. We cannot be too earnest

and engaged, too direct and searching in our appeals to the heart and conscience, too affectionate in our pleadings with men, or too plain in our warnings to the impenitent; and above all we cannot too clearly exhibit the Lord Jesus Christ as the entire hope and refuge, the whole dependence, the all sufficient and exclusive Mediator, the righteousn ess and strength of every one who would be saved.

A subscription has been commenced to raise funds for the erection of a church for Ascension Parish, Brandywine Hundred, a work which I trust will not be much longer delayed. Until such an edifice is provided the Parish cannot improve, as we may reasonably suppose that it will when this necessity is supplied, under the ministrations of the present Rector. There seems enough to warrant the hope that two respectable congregations may be added to our Church in this rapidly improving district. The School House at du Pont's Mills, in which divine service has heretofore been held, has been, during the last year, fitted up by the new Parish of Christ Church, Christiana Hd., in an extremely neat and church-like manner. I had the gratification of officiating, on the 17th of August, 1851, at the re-opening of the edifice for divine service, and of welcoming with the laying on of hands the first fruits of the Pastor's labours at the confirmation above reported, on the 2d of May, 1852. On each occasion the church was crowded to its utmost capacity with a most attentive and serious congregation, and the success of the enterprise appears to equal the anticipations of its most sanguine friends.

The Rev. Mr. Batcheller continues his labors at Newport, with good encouragement, having the use of a convenient building kindly placed at his disposal: I officiated there, for the first time, on the 3d of August, 1851, a numerous congregation being present, and was gratified to find so promising an opening there for the services of our Church.

St. Thomas' Church, Newark, is at present without a pastor, a want which will, I trust, soon be acceptably supplied.

At Dover I officiated, on the 12th of May, in the afternoon, in Christ Church, and in the evening in the Court House. A larger number of persons were gathered in the church than I have ever seen before in that time-worn edifice, and my visit was rather more encouraging than any previously made, although there is little yet for us to count upon, except the promises of our Lord. Still a glimmering of hope, where our cause has always since my acquaintance with the Diocese appeared so dark, is gladly welcomed, and the persevering cheerfulness

and faith with which the Rev. Mr. Carpenter has continued his labors there, will not fail, we may trust, of the desired success.

The old church at Cedar Creek, seems now quite deserted, the efforts of the Missionary to revive it, continued for a number of years, having proved fruitless. No service has been held there during the past year. The attention of the Rev. Mr. McKim has been directed to another point, on the road between Milford and Georgetown, where his services have been very acceptable, and may through God's blessing result in the formation of a new congregation.

I noticed in my address of last year the favorable circumstances under which our enterprise in the neighborhood of Baltimore Mills had been started. During the present year an edifice for public worship has been commenced, and so far completed that I have been able to hold service there on each of my visitations. The building is spacious and convenient, and was occupied on each occasion by a numerous and attentive congregation. After the conclusion of divine service, on the 19th of the present month, notice was given that the parish would be organized, and those interested in the object were invited to remain. An encouraging number of persons, chiefly heads of families, remained for the purpose, and signed the articles of association of the parish of Grace Church, Baltimore Mills, Sussex County. To a considerable portion of those interested in this effort the services of our church are not familiar, and although the distance of the new church from the old church at Dagsboro', does not exceed three miles, yet there were scarcely any of late years who attended there, and the ground is new. The promise is now highly encouraging if the new parish can receive a suitable measure of attention and cultivation. But the harvest exceeds the capacity of the laborers. My recent visit has deepened my conviction of the want of another faithful laborer in the lower part of Sussex County. The present Missionary at Baltimore Mills, with unwearied diligence and activity, can visit this new and interesting field but one Sunday in four. While the demand is so urgent for another laborer there, his support must mainly come from abroad.

Yet while I am anxious to secure all possible assistance from the liberality of brethren who feel a lively interest for the extension of the gospel and the growth of the church in this Diocese, I feel it my duty to appeal to the consciences of the Laity respecting their own duty in the support of the ministry. The laborer is worthy of his reward, and the Lord hath ordained, that they who preach the gospel should live of the

gospel. To withhold more than is meet from the ministers of Christ, to suffer them to provide for your spiritual wants, while you are forgetful of their pressing temporal necessities, is unjust to them, and may deprive your own souls of the blessing of God. The ministrations which are heartily sustained by the prayers, the sympathies, and the liberality of the people, will be to them productive of the richest and most lasting benefits.

One feature of improvement which I have been pleased to notice of late is the increased number of Sunday Schools connected with our churches.

The recommendation of the last Convention respecting the uniting of our Churches in the Jubilee celebration of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts, was I believe generally complied with. I set forth a form of Prayer to be used in the Diocese, on the day appointed, and the interesting subject was brought before our congregations in the Sermons of their respective pastors.

Official duties have required my attendance on several occasions without the Diocese. I was present, in the city of New York, at the meetings of the Board of Missions, and of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, in June last, and at the commencement of the latter institution. The Trustees, I regret to say, rejected the reasonable proposition of the last General Convention, the object of which was to secure to the remote Dioceses their equitable influence in the management of its affairs.

On the 11th of July, 1851, in St. Paul's church, Alexandria, D. C., I took part as one of the appointed consecrators, in the conferring of the Episcopal office on the Rev. John Payne, elected Missionary Bishop of our Church, in Western Africa. Bishop Payne has since made a gratifying visit to some of our churches, and the good wishes and earnest prayers of very many accompany him to his distant and trying field of labor.

On the 20th of November last, in St. George's church, N. York, I performed the same duty at the consecration of the Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D. D., as assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois. I have also given my consent to the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Williams, as assistant Bishop of Connecticut, and to that of the Rev. Dr. Creighton, as Provisional Bishop of New York.

This year, like those which have preceded it, has borne away from us to that eternal world whither we all are journeying; brethren highly

esteemed and greatly beloved. The loss of Dr. Thomas M. Smith, Senior Warden of Trinity Church, is a grievous one not only to the parish to which he was particularly attached, but to all who enjoyed his friendship. Exemplary in all the relations of life, kind and benevolent as a man, devoted and consistent as a christian, he attracted towards himself no common measure of affectionate regard, and hath left behind him an endeared and precious memory. And the name of John E. Parker, Esq., of Georgetown, whose removal in the prime of life has brought sorrow to many hearts, is inseparably connected with an upright, generous and manly character, a high place in the esteem and admiration of all who knew him, and promise of great future usefulness. Let not our hearts be closed against such impressive lessons, and may such affecting proofs of life's uncertainty animate us to redoubled diligence and make us steadfast, immoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. That you, dear brethren, may be found of him in peace, and that we may be all prepared to render up our account with joy, is the earnest prayer of

Your affectionate brother and pastor,
ALFRED LEE.

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The Rev. Mr. Billopp, late Secretary of the Convention, presented a communication from the Secretary of the General Convention, which on his motion was directed to be entered upon the Journal, and laid over for consideration at the next Convention. The following is the communication referred to:

*Proposed Amendment of Article V. of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U. S. A., as agreed upon in General Convention*, 1850.—*See Journal pp.* 72, 83, 85.

*Resolved*, The House of Bishops concurring, that it is expedient to amend the Constitution, by substituting for the Fifth Article of the Constitution, the following Article:

Article V.—A Protestant Episcopal Church in any of the United States, or any Territory thereof, not now represented, may, at any time hereafter, be admitted on acceding to this Constitution; and a new Diocese to be formed from one or more existing Dioceses, may be admitted under the following restrictions:

No new Diocese shall be formed, or erected within the limits of any other Diocese, nor shall any Diocese be formed by the junction of two

or more Dioceses, or parts of Dioceses, unless with the consent of the Bishop and Convention of each Diocese concerned, as well as of the General Convention.

In case one Diocese shall be divided into two Dioceses, the Diocesan of the Diocese divided may elect the one to which he will be attached, and shall thereupon become the Diocesan thereof. And the assistant Bishop, if there be one, may elect the one to which he will be attached; and if it be not the one elected by the Bishop, he shall be the Diocesan thereof.

Whenever the division of the Diocese into two Dioceses shall be ratified by the General Convention, each of the two Dioceses shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese so divided, except as local circumstances may prevent, until the same may be altered in either Diocese by the Convention thereof. And whenever a Diocese shall be formed out of two or more existing Dioceses, the new Diocese shall be subject to the Constiiution and Canons of that one of the said existing Dioceses to which the greater number of Clergymen shall have belonged prior to the erection of such new Diocese, until the same may be altered by the Convention of the new Diocese.

*Resolved*, That the House of Bishops concurring, the above amendment be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions.

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The Hon. C. S. Layton, Delegate from St. Paul's Church, Georgetown, appeared and took his seat.

The committee to whom was referred the application for the admission of Grace Church, Baltimore Mills, Sussex Co., presented the following report which was adopted:

The committee on the admission of new parishes would respectfully report, that having examined the articles of association of Grace Church, Baltimore Mills, Sussex county, and having found them in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese, they unanimously submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That Grace Church, Baltimore Mills, be and is hereby admitted into union with this Convention.

GEORGE HALL,
BENJAMIN CAULK,
GEORGE R. FISHER.

On motion of the Rev. W. E. Franklin, the Chair appointed the Rev. Mr. Franklin and James F. Burton a committee on unfinished business.

The Convention then proceeded to the order of the day being the

election of the Standing Committee, Deputies to the General Convention, and Members of the Education and Missionary Committee.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Messrs. Harrold and Ridgely tellers, on the part of the Clergy; and Messrs. Gibbs and Cummins on the part of the Laity.

On the first ballot for the Standing Committee, the two orders concurred in electing the Rev. S. C. Brinckle and Samuel Baily, Esq.

On the second ballot the two orders concurred in electing the Rev. L. P. W. Balch, D. D. On the third ballot there was no choice.

The Rev. Mr. Franklin moved to postpone the election, which motion, after some discussion was lost; and the Convention proceeded to the fourth ballot, when the two orders concurred in electing Mr. S. M. Curtis.

On the fifth ballot for one clerical member, there was no choice.

On the sixth ballot the two orders concurred in electing the Rev. E. M. Van Deusen; whereupon, the Chair declared the following gentlemen to be duly elected members of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year:

Rev. S. C. Brinckle,
" L. P. W. Balch, D. D., } Of the Clergy.
" E. M. Van Deusen,

Mr. Samuel Baily,
" Solomon M. Curtis, } Of the Laity.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Deputies to the General Convention.

On the first ballot the two orders concurred in electing the Rev. L. P. W. Balch, D. D., Rev. S. C. Brinckle and Rev. S. T. Carpenter, of the Clergy, and Capt. S. F. du Pont, J. F. Burton and J. Raymond, of the Laity.

On the second ballot there was no choice.

On the third ballot the two orders concurred in electing the Rev. George Hall and the Hon. C. S. Layton;

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" S. T. Carpenter, } Of the Clergy.
" G. Hall,

Capt. S. F. du Pont,
James F. Burton,
Jacob Raymond, } Of the Laity.
Hon. C. S. Layton,

On motion of Hon. C. S. Layton, the election for members of the Education and Missionary Committee was dispensed with.

Capt. S. F. du Pont offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be and they are hereby tendered to the Rev. Thomas F. Billopp, the late Secretary of the Convention of this Diocese, for the faithful and efficient discharge of the various duties of his office.

On motion of Mr. S. Baily, the committee on Canons and Standing Resolutions, appointed at the last Convention, were continued.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, and the committee on the Glebe of Christ Church, Dover, were also continued.

The Hon. C. S. Layton, read the following resolution, and moved that it be made the order of the day for to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock, which motion was carried:

Whereas, the Right Rev. the Bishop of this Diocese has during the last year issued a Pastoral Letter to the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese, therefore

*Resolved*, That the Convention express to their beloved Diocesan their grateful acknowledgments for the scriptural and church views contained in that Pastoral, and its able vindication of the Protestant Faith, whilst the courtesy, meekness and Christian charity which pervade that document, enlist our warmest sympathies.

Leave of absence was granted to the Lay Delegates from St. George's Church, Indian River; Christ Church, Delaware City, and St. Ann's Church, Middletown.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

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St. Peter's Church, Smyrna, May 27, 1852.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

After morning prayer by the Rev. J. L. McKim, the Convention was called to order, and the minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The Rev. J. L. McKim offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the better support of the Clergy of this Diocese be referred to the Missionary Committee, who are hereby authorized to consider and lay before the Convention such measures as they may deem most advisable to accomplish the same.

On motion of the Rev. S. T. Carpenter a committee of two was ap-

pointed to enquire into the number of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, to which this Diocese is entitled, and nominate Trustees to the Convention.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Edward Garrigues.

The Rev. Mr. Billopp proposed the following alteration of the 4th article of the Constitution of the Church in this Diocese,

ARTICLE IV.—*Of a Quorum.*

*One half* of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention, and one-third of the Delegates from parishes entitled to be represented, shall be required to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, &c.

This proposition was, on motion of Judge Layton, amended, by substituting the words *one-third of the Clergy*, for the words *one-half*.

The proposition, as amended, was adopted, and laid over for confirmation by the next Convention.

The Hon. C. S. Layton called up the order of the day being the resolution proposed by him yesterday.

William T. Read, Esq., moved to lay the resolution on the table. The Rev. Dr. Balch raised a question of order. After some discussion, the vote by orders and parishes was called for, and the motion to lay on the table was lost by the following vote:

The Right Rev. Bishop Lee, and the Rev. Thomas F. Billopp, were excused from voting.

AYES—*Clergy.*

Rev. Walter E. Franklin,
" Hiram R. Harrold,
" John L. McKim,
" Edwin M. Van Deusen,—4

*Parishes.*

Trinity, Wilmington,
Immanuel, New Castle,
St. Peters, Lewes.—3

NOES—*Clergy.*

Rev. L. P. W. Balch, D. D.
" B. Batcheller,
" S. C. Brinckle,
" S. T. Carpenter,
" George Hall,
" G. W. Ridgely,—6.

*Parishes.*

Ascension, Brandywine Hd.,
St. Andrew's, Wilmington,
Christ Church, Christiana Hd.,
St. James', Stanton,
St. Thomas', Newark,
St. Peter's, Smyrna,
Christ Church, Milford,
St. Paul's, Georgetown,
St. Mark's, Millsboro'.—9.

On motion of the Hon. C. S. Layton, the Resolution was then adopted, by the following vote:

| Ayes—*Clergy*. | Noes—*Clergy*. |
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| The Rev. L. P. W. Balch, D. D., | Rev. H. R. Harrold, |
| " B. Batcheller, | " E. M. Van Deusen.—2 |
| " S. C. Brinckle, | |
| " S. T. Carpenter, | |
| " George Hall, | |
| " G. W. Ridgely,—6. | |

| *Parishes.* | *Parishes.* |
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| Ascension, | Immanuel, New Castle;—1. |
| St. Andrews, | |
| Christ Church, Christiana Hd., | |
| St. James', | |
| St. Thomas', | |
| St. Peter's, | |
| Christ Church, Milford, | |
| St. Paul's, | |
| St. Mark's,—9. | |

The Right Rev. Bishop Lee, and Rev. T. F. Billopp, were excused from voting. The Rev. Messrs. Franklin and McKim, and the Lay Delegates from Trinity church, Wilmington, and St. Peter's church, Lewes, declined voting.

The committee to ascertain the number of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, to which this Diocese is entitled, reported, that the Diocese was entitled to two Trustees, and nominated the Rev. G. W. Ridgely, and Edward G. Bradford, Esq., who were elected.

On motion of the Hon. C. S. Layton, it was

*Resolved*, That the next Convention be held in St. Paul's church, Georgetown.

John B. Lewis, Esq., Treasurer, presented his account, which was referred to a committee of three, viz:—S. Jenifer Adams, J. Raymond and H. H. J. Naff.

The Report of the Missionary and Education Committee was presented and read:

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The committee beg leave to lay before the Convention the following statement of their proceedings during the past year. Their receipts, as per statement annexed, amount to the sum of four hundred and ninety-five dollars and thirty-three cents from the Parishes of the Diocese, viz: From

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| St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, Church Offerings, | $105 50 | $150 50 |
| " " " Sunday School, | 45 00 | |
| Christ Church, Christiana Hundred, | | 85 83 |
| Trinity, Wilmington, | | 81 04 |
| Immanuel, New Castle, | | 65 00 |
| St. Thomas, Newark, | | 20 08 |
| St. Peter's, Smyrna, | | 24 75 |
| St. Ann's, Appoquinimink, | | 4 84 |
| St. James', Stanton, | | 4 26 |
| St. Paul's, Georgetown, | | 4 50 |
| Christ Church, Broad Creek, and St. Philip's, Laurel, | | 6 00 |
| St. Luke's, Seaford, | | 4 50 |
| St. John's, Little Hill, | | 4 50 |
| St. Peter's, Lewes, | | 7 39 |
| St. George's, Indian River, | | 3 84 |
| Christ Church, Delaware City, | | 2 75 |
| St. Mark's, Millsboro', | | 2 91 |
| Grace Church, Baltimore Mills, | | 2 21 |
| Chapel of the Comforter, Long Neck, | | 1 43 |
| Collection at the Convention of 1851, | | 19 00 |
| | | 495 33 |

To this amount may be added the sum of two hundred dollars received by our Missionaries from the Domestic Committee of the General Board, and fifty-seven dollars contributed by St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, towards the erection of the new church at Baltimore Mills,

Total, - - - - - - $752 33

The funds above reported have been applied to the following persons and objects, viz: To the assistance of

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| Rev. J. L. McKim, Missionary in Sussex County, | $150 | |
| " J. W. Hoskins, " " | 125 | |
| " George Hall, " " | 125 | |
| " H. R. Harrold, " at Delaware City, | 50 | |
| " J. T. Carpenter, " " Dover, Special contribution from Christ Church, Christiana Hundred, for Dover, | 35 | 81 |
| " B. Batcheller, " Newport and vicinity, | 25 | |
| To Arkansas and Wisconsin, as directed by Donors, | 50 | |
| For Foreign Missionaries, (African) " " | 114 | 95 |
| " Grace Church, Baltimore Mills, special contribution, | 57 | |
| | 732 | 76 |

The Rev. Mr. Harrold, according to the arrangement previously made, has ceased to receive aid from the Committee since December 1st, 1851, and the Rev. Mr. Hoskins' connection as Missionary with the Committee is now terminated, he having established a large school in the village of Laurel, the charge of which, upon the principles which have been adopted by the Committee, is not deemed compatible with his receiving continued assistance from their funds.

Your committee have every reason to believe that the openings for Missionary effort in this Diocese are increasing in number and promise. In both the Northern and Southern portions of the State inviting fields are presented. The want is painfully apparent to your committee of more abundant ministerial services than can be enjoyed while the laborers are so few. That another Missionary be employed in Sussex County appears to them of great importance. The new Parish, just organized at Baltimore Mills, is among the fruits of our past efforts, and earnestly claims and requires a larger measure of care and attention that it has hitherto been possible to give it. Other points also present themselves which we might now occupy with advantage, but which we cannot expect to remain always accessible.

The work of building up the Church in this Diocese is arduous, and the temporal compensation of the Missionary small, but the Committee trust that additional laborers of devoted and earnest spirit may be found to enter upon the work, and that God, even our own God, will give us His blessing.

ALFRED LEE,
S. T. CARPENTER,
S. C. BRINCKLE,
J. F. WILSON,
JOHN B. LEWIS.

On motion of Mr. Edward Garrigues it was, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Wardens and Vestry of St. Peter's Church, and also to the citizens of Smyrna, for their kindness and attention to its members.

John B. Porter's bill amounting to $41 50 for printing Journal of Convention of 1851, and the bill of Rev. T. F. Billopp, late Secretary, amounting to $18 00, for expenses officially incurred, were read, and the Treasurer directed to pay the same.

On motion of the Rev. T. F. Billopp, the Treasurer was directed to pay the Sexton of St. Peter's Church, the usual compensation for his attendance during the session of the Convention.

The Hon. C. S. Layton, offered the following resolution which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Delegates from this Diocese to the next General Convention be and they are hereby instructed to bring before the General Convention, and to advocate the adoption of some efficient plan for the better support of Domestic Missionaries, and of aged, infirm and worn-out Ministers of the P. E. Church of the United States, and of their widows and orphans.

The committee to examine the Treasurer's account, reported it correct and were discharged.

It was on motion, *Resolved*, That after the reading of the minutes of the morning's session, and the usual religious exercises, the Convention adjourn *sine die*.

The minutes of the morning's proceedings were read and approved.

Previous to the adjournment the Bishop made the following remarks:

"We now, dear brethren, bring this Convention to a close, and I will ask your indulgence for a parting word. That the session has been one of deep and even painful interest to myself you may well believe. Next to the approbation of my God, and of my own conscience, nought is more dear and precious to me than the approval of the Clergy and Laity of this Diocese, to whom I am united by a life-long bond of the most sacred and responsible character. I could not therefore but be deeply sensible to the expression of your undiminished and affectionate confidence which has now been given, and acknowledge with heartfelt gratitude your favorable notice of my official course. For all of trial and grief that it has cost me, I receive this expression of your sentiments as an abundant compensation. And let me further add that the expres-

tions of personal respect and kindness towards me, which have just fallen from gentlemen who have not felt themselves at liberty to concur in the action of this body, are truly felt and cordially reciprocated. If I know my own heart the events of the past year have left no unkind feelings there towards any one, and my sincere desire is that we may all earnestly co-operate in promoting the welfare of the Church of Christ and the salvation of souls. May God our Father give us all grace with one heart and mind to labor together in his service, make us partakers of the rich blessings of his gospel in this world, and bring us at last to his eternal Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Prayer was offered and the Benediction pronounced by the Bishop, after which the Convention adjourned.

Attest, J. F. WILSON, *Secretary.*

**Standing Committee, 1852.**

Rev. S. C. Brinckle, *Chairman*,
" L. P. W. Balch, D. D.,
" E. M. Van Deusen,
Mr. Samuel Baily, *Sec'ry.*
" Solomon M. Curtis.

**Delegates to General Convention.**

Rev. L. P. W. Balch, D. D.,
" S. C. Brinckle,
" S. T. Carpenter,
" George Hall,
Capt. S. F. du Pont,
Hon. C. S. Layton,
J. Raymond, Esq.
J. F. Burton, Esq.

**Missionary and Education Committee.**

Right Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D., *Chairman.*
Rev. Samuel C. Brinckle,
" Samuel T. Carpenter,
Dr. J. F. Wilson,
Mr. John B. Lewis.

**Committee on Church Mutual Aid Association.**

Right Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D.,
Rev. W. E. Franklin,
" H. R. Harrold,
Mr. Edward Garrigues,
" George W. Cummins.

**Committee on Canons and Standing Resolutions.**

Rev. John L. McKim,
Hon. C. S. Layton,
Hon. Edward Wootten,
William T. Read, Esq.

**Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.**

Hon. James Booth,
" Caleb S. Layton,
" Edward Wootten,
Dr. J. W. Thomson,
William T. Read, Esq.

**Committee on the Glebe of Christ Church, Dover.**

Geo. W. Cummins, Wm. T. Read. Hon. Edward Wootten.

*Treasurer of Convention*, JOHN B. LEWIS, Wilmington.
*Secretary of Convention*, J. F. WILSON, M. D., Wilmington.

# APPENDIX.

## PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

REPORT OF ST. ANDREW'S, WILMINGTON.

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|---|---|---|
| Baptisms—Adult 7, Infants 14, | | 21 |
| Confirmed, | | 24 |
| Communicants—Died, | | 1 |
| " Removed, | | 17 |
| " Added, | | 26 |
| " Present number, | | 142 |
| Marriages, | | 9 |
| Funerals, | | 9 |
| Sunday Schools, white, Teachers—Male 12, Female 18, | | 30 |
| " Scholars, " 100, " 150, | | 250 |
| " colored " " 30, " 40, | | 70 |
| Parish Day School—1 Teacher, 30 Scholars. | | |
| Young Ladies' Bible Class, instructed during Lent by the Rector, about | | 60 |
| Contributions—Missionary Offerings in Church, | 173 19 | |
| " " " of Sunday School, | 71 25 | |
| | | 244 44 |
| Communion Alms, | | 58 18 |
| Prayer Book and Tract Society, &c., | | 75 |
| Episcopal Fund $70, Convention $15, | | 85 |
| Public Services on Sundays 96—other days, 43 | | 139 |

ALFRED LEE, Rector.

REMARKS.—The result of the past year's labors calls for an expression of devout thankfulness to the God of all grace for the evidences of his blessing. This church has been in every way prospered, and a larger number of persons have come forward to claim the privileges, and confess the obligations of disciples of Christ, than during any previous year of the present Rector's connection with the Parish. A considerable accession to the Communion is anticipated at the next celebration of that holy rite, an opportunity not having been yet afforded to those recently confirmed of partaking at the Lord's table. Of the communicants reported as removed, six are now enrolled in the new Parish of Christ Church, Christiana Hundred. The Sunday Schools of St. Andrews' never appeared more prosperous and promising, the increase both of scholars and teachers, the warm Missionary interest, manifested by liberal monthly contributions, and the open avowal of the choice of Christ's service in the rite of Confirmation by a number of the scholars and teachers, having been highly gratifying and encouraging. The unwearied diligence of a faithful and efficient Superintendent, and the warm interest manifested by the teachers have not

been without the desired fruit, and call for the Rector's grateful acknowledgments. A colored Sunday School has been established under the charge of a few devoted teachers, from which we anticipate great benefit to many of a class whose need of instruction in the simplest truths of the Gospel constitutes a strong appeal for Christian sympathy and effort.

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TRINITY CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Baptised—Adults 4, Infants 26, | | | 30 |
| Confirmed, | | | 17 |
| Communicants—Died, | | | 3 |
| " | Removed, | | 12 |
| " | Withdrawn, | | 3 |
| " | Added, | | 19 |
| " | Present No., | | 144 |
| Marriages, | | | 9 |
| Funerals, | | | 32 |
| Sunday School—Teachers: Male 3, Female 8, | | | 11 |
| " | Scholars: " 35, " 50, | | 85 |
| Contributions—Missionary, | | $81 04 | |
| " | Alms. | 140 25 | |
| " | Other purposes, | 200 00 | |
| | | | 421 29 |

Public services on Sundays, 104; other days, 138—242.

EDWIN MARTIN VAN DEUSEN, Rector.

The Rev. Walter E. Franklin has become an assistant minister in the parish, and has opened the parish (Old Swedes') Church, for afternoon services, on Sundays. Having a young ladies' school in his family, and residing near the Church, he has been enabled to form a very efficient choir from the number of his pupils: and thus enjoys facilities, which will further the object of the services, and secure order and uniformity in public worship. We have again to sorrow, as during the previous year, for the loss we have sustained by the death of our Senior Warden, Dr. Thomas Mackie Smith, a member of our last Diocesan and General Conventions, an example of Gospel holiness, and "a man greatly beloved." This parish have an enduring momento of his Christian zeal and liberality in the chaste and costly service of plate for the Holy Communion, alluded to in my last report; and which was purchased with a part of the proceeds of his Sunday practice. By the consent of the family, I am now permitted to make him known as the benefactor of the Church, he having always refused to allow the fact to be made in any way public, and it is trusted that such an example may not be ineffectual with those who survive. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

*May* 25, 1852.

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IMMANUEL CHURCH, NEW CASTLE.

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|---|---|---|
| Baptised—Adults 7, Infants 17, | | 24 |
| Confirmed, | | 13 |
| Communicants—Removed, | | 4 |
| " | Added, | 3 |
| " | Present number, | 55 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Marriages, | | | 3 |
| Funerals, | | | 9 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, Male 6, Female 10, | | | 16 |
| " Scholars, " 55, " 45, | | | 100 |
| Contributions—Foreign Missions, | | $20 00 | |
| " Domestic " | | 45 00 | |
| " Episcopal and Convention Funds, | | 37 50 | |
| " Alms to poor of the Parish, | | 50 00 | |
| " Books for Parish and Sund'y Sch. Libraries, | | 50 00 | |

Public services on Sundays and other days as usual.

THOMAS F. BILLOPP, Rector.

REMARKS.—During the past year the Rector of Immanuel Church, has had his trials, no less than his consolations. Through good report and evil report, —unelated by the one, and undestroyed by the other—he has pursued the course which conscience and a sense of duty dictated. He has no reason to be dissatisfied with the result. The marked increased attention upon the services of the Sanctuary, the new and growing interest, manifested in spiritual things, by some who hitherto have been apparently indifferent, the greater seriousness of the young, and the confirmed and steadfast piety of the older members of the Church, all lead him to believe, that God has graciously vouchsafed to bless his labors, and extend the aid of his Holy Spirit to one who humbly sought to teach and preach "the Truth as it is in Jesus."

Some additional evidence of the power of Gospel truth to enlighten and purify the heart, may be anticipated at the next administration of the Lord's Supper; as several of those who recently received the imposition of Episcopal hands, in the ratification of their baptismal vows, have declared their intention to seek a closer union with the Body of Christ, which is his Church. Their names will not appear, however, till my next annual report.

*May* 26, 1852. T. F. B.

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ASCENSION CHURCH, BRANDYWINE HUNDRED.

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR:—I entered upon my duties as Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Brandywine Hundred, December 1st, 1851. I have preached every Sunday afternoon in a school house—far too small to accommodate the congregation. We have accordingly commenced an effort to procure the funds necessary for the erection of a suitable church edifice, and thus far, with very gratifying success. I have baptised one infant.

LEWIS P. W. BALCH.

Rt. Rev. A. Lee, D. D.

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REPORT OF REV. S. C. BRINCKLE, RECTOR OF CHRIST CHURCH, CHRISTIANA HUNDRED, NEW CASTLE CO.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Infants, | | | 11 |
| Confirmed, | | | 7 |
| Communicants, | | | 27 |
| Marriages, | | | 2 |
| Funerals, | | | 13 |
| Children catechized, about, | | | 50 |
| Public services on each Sunday, once; other days, 3. | | | |
| Contributions—Episcopal Fund, $15; Convention, $6. | | $21 00 | |
| " Missionary purposes, | | 85 83 | |
| " Improvement of Church edifice, | | 312 98 | |
| | Total | $419 81 | |

*May* 24, 1852.

The undersigned in making this his first report from this new Parish, (admitted at the last Convention) desires to record his heartfelt gratitude to God, for the measure of success so far vouchsafed, trusting that it may be an earnest of the future, even of the former and latter rain, promised to those who ask of the Lord.

S. C. BRINCKLE, Rector.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Lee.

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ST. JAMES' CHURCH, STANTON.

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|---|---|---|
| Communicants, | | 9 |
| Baptisms, | | 4 |
| Confirmed, | | 3 |
| Sunday School, | | 1 |
| Scholars, | | 35 |
| Public services on Sundays, at St. James', | | 51 |
| " " Newport, | | 24 |
| " " Other places, | | 4 |
| " " On other days. | | 3 |
| Funerals, | | 5 |
| Marriages, | | 2 |
| Collections for Missionary purposes, and for the Convention and Episcopal Fund, &c. | $23 00 | |

B. BATCHELLER, Rector.

REMARKS.—The prospects of this Church are more encouraging than at any period since my connection with it. This is manifest in acts of kindness to its pastor, in a more frequent and regular attendance upon the services of the church, and a greater interest in its general welfare. B. B.

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REPORT OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, NEWARK.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Adult, 1, Infants, 4, | | 5 |
| Confirmed, | | 2 |
| Communicants—Died, | | 1 |
| Removed, | | 6 |
| Added, | | 6 |
| Present No. | | 17 |
| Funerals, | | 2 |
| Contributions—Missionary, Foreign $3 56, Domestic 21 91½, | | |
| Episcopal and Convention Funds, | | |
| Other purposes, | 19 88½, | |
| Public services on Sundays, 80, other days, 3 | | 83 |

*May* 26, 1852.

The above report extends to April 1st, at which time I resigned the Parish and removed to Wilmington. Since that time I have been connected with Trinity Parish and officiate in the Old Swedes' Church. I still continue my duties and labors as Rector of a young ladies school.

WALTER E. FRANKLIN.

### St. Ann's Church, Middletown.

| | |
|---|---|
| Baptized—Adults 2, Infants 9, | 11 |
| Communicants—Removed | 4 |
| Present No, | 44 |
| Marriages, | 13 |
| Funerals, | 2 |
| Sunday School, lately re-organized, about as reported last year, | |

The Rectory is not yet quite completed. Divine service is celebrated once on each Lord's day, during part of the year in the forenoon, and the remainder of the year, alternately morning and evening, in rotation with Christ Church, Delaware City.

HIRAM ROBBINS HARROLD, Rector.

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### Christ Church, Delaware City.

Communicants, - - - - - - 4

Public service once on each Lord's day. Owing to the want of Teachers the Sunday School has not been resumed since the opening of spring.

Remarks.—The exterior of the Church has not yet been completed.

HIRAM ROBBINS HARROLD, Rector.

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### St. Peter's Church Smyrna.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Infants, | | 2 |
| Communicants—Added, | | 5 |
| Present No. | | 14 |
| Marriages, | | 1 |
| Funerals, | | 1 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, Male 3, Female 5, | | 8 |
| Scholars, " 17, " 28, | | 45 |
| Contributions—Missionary, | $24 75 | |
| Episcopal and Convention Funds, | 9 50 | |
| Other purposes, | 17 39 | |

Public services on each Sunday twice; other days, a Friday evening service in Lent, which has been since continued; together with services in the country Tuesday and Thursday evenings. We have a Bible Class, which is public and meets in the church on Sunday evenings. It has been well attended.

SAMUEL TONKIN CARPENTER, Rector.

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### Christ Church, Dover.

The Missionary reports the continuance of regular services, which, from some time in the Autumn, have been every Sunday afternoon, with the exception of a few short interruptions. We have some further additions to the friends of the church by removals, and the hope is indulged, that ere long those who wish for the prosperity of our Zion will be induced to come up to the help of the Lord. By another year it will probably be in our power to report the reorganization of the Parish, and the regular celebration of the Holy Supper. Hitherto hath the Lord helped us. S. T. CARPENTER.

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### St. Peter's Church, Lewes.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Infants, | | 1 |
| Confirmed, | | 1 |
| Communicants—Died, | | 2 |
| Removed, | | 1 |
| Added, | | 4 |
| Present No. | | 30 |
| Funerals. | | 5 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, | | 6 |
| Scholars, | | 34 |
| Contributions—Missionary, | $7 39 | |
| Episcopal and Convention Funds. | 6 00 | |

Public services on Sundays, 28

GEORGE HALL.

*May* 26, 1852.

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### St. George's Church, Indian River, and the Chapel of the Comforter, Long Neck.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Infants, | | 2 |
| Confirmations, | | 1 |
| Communicants—Present number, | | 18 |
| Marriages, | | 1 |
| Funerals, | | 1 |
| Contributions—Missionary | $5 27 | |
| Convention Fund, | 5 00, | |

Public services on Sundays, 38.

GEORGE HALL.

*May* 26, 1852.

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### St. Mark's Church, Millsboro'.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Infants, | | 6 |
| Confirmed, | | 1 |
| Communicants—Removed, | | 1 |
| Present number, | | 7 |
| Funerals, | | 2 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, | | 3 |
| Scholars, | | 18 |
| Contributions—Missionary | $2 49 | |
| Convention Fund | 5 00 | |

Public services on Sundays—24.

GEORGE HALL.

*May* 26, 1852.

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### Grace Church, Baltimore Mills.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Communicants—Died, | | 1 |
| Present number, | | 3 |
| Contributions—Missionary, | $2 21 | |

Public services on Sundays, 12

We hope to have our new church completed the present summer.

*May* 26, 1852. GEORGE HALL.

### St. Luke's Church, Seaford.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Infants, | | 2 |
| Communicants—Removed, | | 3 |
| Present number, | | 10 |
| Marriages, | | 1 |
| Funerals, | | 1 |
| Missionary Contributions, | $3 50, | |
| Public services, | | 22 |

JAMES W. HOSKINS, Rector.

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### Christ Church, Broad Creek, and St. Philip's, Laurel.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Infants, | | 11 |
| Communicants—Added, | | 2 |
| Present number, | | 11 |
| Confirmed, | | 2 |
| Marriages, | | 5 |
| Funerals, | | 8 |
| Suuday School—Teachers 10 to 12; Scholars 30 to 40. | | |
| Missionary Contributions, | $3 00 | |
| Public Services, | | 34 |

JAMES W. HOSKINS, Rector.

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### St. John's Church, Little Hill.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Infants, | | 5 |
| Confirmed, | | 3 |
| Communicants—Added, | | 3 |
| Present number, | | 32 |
| Marriages, | | 1 |
| Funerals, | | 2 |
| Missionary Contributions, | $3 50 | |
| Public services, 22; other places 20, | | 42 |

JAMES W. HOSKINS, Rector.

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### Christ Church, Milford.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Infants, | | 5 |
| Communicants—Added, | | 1 |
| Present number, | | 9 |
| Sunday School; Teachers, | | 8 |
| Scholars, | | 50 |
| Funerals, | | 3 |
| Contributions—Convention Fund, | $5 00 | |
| Missionary " | 2 50 | |
| Other purposes about | 150 00 | |
| Public services, | | 27 |

### St. Paul's Church, Georgetown.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Baptized—Infants, | | | 4 |
| Communicants—Removed, | | | 1 |
| | Present number | | 12 |
| Marriages, | | | 4 |
| Funerals, | | | 15 |
| Sunday School—Teachers, | | | 9 |
| | Scholars, | | 56 |
| Contributions—Convention Fund, | | $5 00 | |
| | Episcopal " | 5 00 | |
| | Missionary " | 5 00 | |
| | Other purposes, | 28 50 | |
| Public services on Sundays 29, other days 7, | | | 36 |

Services are still continued regularly at that point in Cedar Creek Hundred, which was mentioned in a former report. They are so well attended that the School-house has proved quite insufficient to contain the congregation: and an effort will, no doubt, be made by them, in the course of the present year, to erect for themselves a small plain church for the worship of God. For this purpose a very eligible site has been secured, being a square acre of ground beautifully situated at the intersection of two public roads. A decided advance may be observed in this congregation, both as regards the manner in which the services are joined in by some who, till lately, had no knowledge of the Prayer Book, and also the serious interest manifested in the word preached. Some of the Baptisms mentioned above were performed here.

JOHN L. McKIM, Rector.

*April* 1, 1852.

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### Report of Rev. G. W. Ridgely.

For a part of the time which has elapsed since the last Convention I have preached to the "Church of the Ascension," and to the congregation which has been accustomed to assemble at "the Union," on alternate Sundays. I have, however, had the pleasure of transferring the former, to the care of the Rev. Dr. Balch. At both places the attendance is large and encouraging. I think that a promising parish will ultimately be organized at "the Union." I have also paid some little attention to Grace Church, and hope that there is some prospect of reviving that dilapidated parish.

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### Report of Rev. Z. H. Mansfield.

In addition to my usual duties as Principal of a classical school, I have preached once at Elkton, Md., five times in Brandywine Hundred, three times at St. Thomas' Newark, and twice at St. James' Church, Stanton. I have also attended one funeral at Wilmington.

Z. H. MANSFIELD.

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### Report of Rev. D. H. McIlvaine.

June 1st, Sunday after Ascension, Preached at St. Peter s, in the morning, at St. Georges' in the afternoon. June 22, Sunday after Trinity, officiated at St. Peter's. June 27, assisted Mr. Hall. July 13, assisted Mr. Hall. July 27, assisted Mr. Trapier in the communion at St. Peter's. August 20, officiated at a marriage. 1852, May 16, assisted Mr. Hall in the communion at St. Peter's church.

The Sunday School of St. Peter's of which I have the care, is attended by from 30 to 40 children, and they appear to be more interested than formerly in its exercises.

D. H. McILVAINE.

*Lewes, May 2d,* 1852.

The following report was prepared for the consideration of the Committee appointed on the subject of forming a Church Mutual Aid Society, but not acted upon for want of time:

"The principle on which a Mutual Aid Association is founded is too well understood to require a large exposition. It supposes a regular contribution of a small sum of money while in the enjoyment of health, authorizing the receipt of a larger allowance when sickness or other cause interferes with our attention to our ordinary avocation. Now while it is our Christian duty to be ever ready to do good, cheerfully distributing to the poor and needy, it is our duty also, as well as manly privilege to guard against being unnecessarily burdensome to others; in reliance on the blessing of Providence to provide that we may not be dependent on the alms of those around us. If we are under obligation to "work and eat our own bread," we should in health provide against seasons of infirmity that interrupt our ability to provide for immediate wants. While, however, scanty earnings afford to individuals but feeble power to provide for the future, the principle of Association enhances this ability by accumulating a common fund from which we may receive aid during the seasons of disability to which all are subject. We thus bear one another's burdens, and conduce to that "equality" which the Apostle would effect, as he writes to his Corinthian brethren, "I mean not that other men be eased and ye burdened: but by an equality that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want." (2 Cor. 8. 13, 14 vs.) When God fed his people with manna that must be gathered at its appropriate season, there was that ready co-operation, and that proportion of supply to the necessities of all, that "he that had gathered much had nothing over, and he that had gathered little had no lack," and the Apostle enjoins that mutual aid that shall cause "an equality" by which in turn the wants of the necessitous may be supplied from the abundance of those favored with plenty. The Committee deem it expedient to adopt some plan by which, through joint contributions to a common fund, those desirous of availing themselves of its benefit may make provision for seasons of disability, and commend therefore the adoption of the following resolutions.

1. This Convention deem expedient the formation of a Mutual Aid Association.

2. That the Constitution accompanying this report be set forth as the Fundamental Law of the Association, for the government of those who may wish to secure the advantage of its provisions.

3. That the Convention do now proceed to the election of the requisite officers and Directors of the Association, as provided by the Constitution.

## DRAFT OF CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.—This Society shall be denominated "The Church Mutual Aid Society of Delaware."

ART. 2.—The objects of the Society shall be to furnish pecuniary aid to its members when in the Providence of God they may be sick or disabled; to secure to its deceased, Christian Burial, and to protect and succor their widows and orphans.

Art. 3.—Every attendant on the services of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, not under 18, nor over 55 years of age, nor in any way incapacitated for acquiring a living, may become a member of this Society under such regulations as the By-Laws shall prescribe.

Art. 4.—The officers of this Society shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and five Directors. The Bishop of the Diocese shall be ex-officio President, the other officers shall be appointed by this Convention and shall hold their office one year or until other officers are appointed. In case of a vacancy by death or otherwise, in the interval between the meetings of Convention, the vacancy shall be supplied by the other officers.

Art. 5.—The officers named in th 4th article of this Constitution shall form a Central Board of Directors, who shall be charged with the general administration and management of the affairs of the Society. They shall devise means for securing the objects of this Association, and extending its benefits to every part of the Diocese. They shall direct the depositing and investment of the Society's funds, and order the payments and liabilities incurred in effecting the objects of the Society.

Art. 6.—Every member of this Society shall in case of sickness or disability brought on, not by intemperance or other vicious cause, but in the ordinary Providence of God, receive a weekly allowance of 4 dollars, after a membership of three months and the payment of all dues.

2. On the decease of a member in good standing an appropriation of 25 dollars shall be made for Funeral expenses.

3. The widow of a deceased member, while remaining unmarried, and his orphan children until 14 years of age, shall receive such allowance per month, as in the opinion of the Central Board their situation may demand, and the funds of the society shall permit, and subject to such condition as they may annex.

Art. 7.—Every member of this Society shall pay a monthly fee of 50 cents.

Art. 8. No alteration shall be made in this Constitution except with consent of this Convention, which shall also have power of revisal over the By-Laws and Acts of the Central Board.

The following is the amount of Assessment on each Parish in the Diocese, for the support of the Episcopate, which is to be remitted semi-annually to the Treasurer of the Convention:

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| St. Andrew's, Wilmington, | $71 00 |
| Trinity, Wilmington, | 72 00 |
| Immanuel, New Castle, | 27 50 |
| Christ Church, Christiana Hundred, | 13 50 |
| St. James', Stanton. | 4 50 |
| St. Thomas', Newark, | 8 50 |
| St. Ann's, Appoquinimink. | 22 00 |
| Christ Church, Delaware City, | 4 00 |
| St. Peter's, Smyrna, | 7 00 |
| St. Peter's, Lewes, | 15 00 |
| St. George's, Indian River, | 9 00 |
| St. Mark's, Millsboro', | 3 50 |
| Grace, Baltimore Mills, | 1 50 |
| St. Luke's, Seaford, | 5 00 |
| St. John's, Little Hill, | 16 00 |
| Christ Church, Milford, (as reported last year,) | 4 00 |
| St. Paul's, Georgetown, " " | 6 50 |

The following table exhibits the sum which each Parish is required to contribute to the Convention Fund in accordance with Canon X:

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| St. Andrew's Wilmington, | $15 00 |
| Trinity, " | 15 00 |
| Immanuel, New Castle, | 10 00 |
| St. Ann's, Appoquinimink. | 10 00 |
| St. Peter's, Lewes, | 6 00 |
| St. John's, Little Hill, | 6 00 |
| St. Thomas', Newark, | 5 00 |
| St. James', Stanton, | 5 00 |
| St. George's, Indian River, | 5 00 |
| St. Peter's. Smyrna, | 5 00 |
| Christ Church, Milford, | 5 00 |
| St. Paul's, Georgetown, | 5 00 |
| St. Mark's, Millsboro', | 5 00 |
| St. Luke's, Seaford, | 5 00 |
| Christ Church, Broad Creek, | 5 00 |
| St. Matthew's, Cedar Creek, | 5 00 |
| Christ Church, Delaware City, | 5 00 |
| Christ Church, Christiana Hundred, | 6 00 |
| Grace Church, Brandywine, | 5 00 |
| Church of the Ascension, Brandywine, | 5 00 |

*DR. John B. Lewis, Treasurer, in account with the Diocese of Delaware.*

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| 1851. | | |
| May 28, | To balance in Treasury, | $72 00 |
| " " | cash from St. Thomas' Church, Newark, | 5 00 |
| " " " " | St. James', Stanton, | 5 00 |
| " " " " | St. Peter's, Smyrna, | 5 00 |
| " " " " | St. John's, Little Hill, | 5 00 |
| " " " " | St. Luke's, Seaford, | 5 00 |
| " " " " | St. Peter's, Lewes, | 6 00 |
| " " " " | Christ Church, Broad Creek, | 5 00 |
| " " " " | Christ Church, Milford, | 5 00 |
| " " " " | St. Ann's, Middletown, | 10 00 |
| " " " " | Christ Church, Delaware City, | 5 00 |
| " " " " | St. George's, Indian River, | 5 00 |
| " " " " | St. Mark's, Millsboro', | 5 00 |
| July 4 " " " | St. Andrew's, Wilmington, | 15 00 |
| 14 " " " | Trinity Church, " | 15 00 |
| Aug. 15 " " " | Immanuel, New Castle, | 10 00 |
| 1852. | | |
| May 17 " " " | Christ Church, Christiana Hundred, | 6 00 |
| " " " " | St. Paul's, Georgetown, | 5 00 |
| " " " " | Ascension Church, Brandywine Hundred, | 5 00 |
| " | To cash in Treasury, | 16 00 |
| | | $194 00 |

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| 1851. | | |
| May 28, | By cash paid Rev. Thomas F. Billopp, | $10 00 |
| " " " | E. Garrigues, (for Sexton) | 2 00 |
| June 23, " " | Lindsay & Blackston for Printing 400 copies of Charge, | 30 00 |
| July 14, | By cash paid Rev. E. M. Van Deusen on account of expenses to General Convention, allowed by standing Committee, | 15 00 |
| 15, | By cash paid John B. Porter, Esq., for Printing 400 copies of the Journal of Convention for 1850, | 40 00 |
| Aug. 11, | By cash paid Rev. W. E. Franklin, on account of allowance made by standing Committee, | 22 00 |
| 13, | By cash paid Rev. Thomas F. Billopp, on account by order of Convention, | 22 00 |
| " | By cash paid Rev. John L. McKim, on account by order of Convention, | 22 00 |
| Sept. 25, | By cash paid Rev. E. M. Van Deusen, in full by order of Convention, | 15 00 |
| 1851. May 25, | By balance in Treasury, | 16 00 |
| | | $194 00 |

*DR.* *John B. Lewis Treasurer, in account with the Episcopal Fund.*

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| 1851. | | |
| May 28, | To balance in Treasury, | $35 25 |
| " " | cash from St. Thomas' Church, Newark, | 9 00 |
| " " " " | St. James, Stanton, | 4 50 |
| " " " " | St. Peter's, Smyrna, | 5 50 |
| " " " " | St. Peter's, Lewes, | 13 50 |
| " " " " | Christ Church, Delaware City, | 1 00 |
| July 14, " " " | Trinity, Wilmington, | 52 88 |
| " 26, " " " | St. Paul's, Georgetown, | 5 00 |
| 1852. | | |
| May 17, " " " | Christ Church, Christiana Hundred, | 16 00 |
| March 19, " " " | St. Andrew's, Wilmington, | 70 00 |
| May 25, " " " | Ascension, Brandywine Hundred, | 3 00 |
| 26, | To balance in Treasury, | 19 00 |
| | | $212 63 |

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| 1851. | | |
| Aug. 16, | By cash paid Right Rev. Bishop Lee, | $75 00 |
| Nov. " | " " " | 51 63 |
| 1852. | | |
| May 11, " | " " " | 70 00 |
| " 25, " | " in Treasury, | 16 00 |
| | | $212 63 |

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